

vray, Durham; 2nd, Francis Bourassa, Ascot; 3rd, Wm. Henry, Compton.

**Prince of Wales' Prize.**

\$50 and Silver Medal, H. R. Hanning, Shipton.

**Pure Devons.**

1st sec. Bulls 2 year old and over, 1st, A. Lothrop, Dudswell; 2d, O. Camirant, Sherbrooke.

2d sec. Cows 2 year old and over, 1st W. H. Holmes, Stanstead; 2d, A. Lothrop, Dudswell.

3d sec. Yokes Oxen 1 yr. old, 1st, J. H. Pope, Eaton; 2nd, H. G. Pierce, Stanstead; 3rd, J. F. Davis, Compton; 4th, G. F. Spafford, Compton.

4th sec. Yokes of Oxen, 3 year old. 1st G. F. Davis, Compton; 2nd, G. M. Ayer, Stanstead; 3rd, A. A. Knowlton, South Stukely; 4th, John McClary, Compton.

5th sec. Bull calves. 1st, Levi Cleveland, Barnston; 2nd, Benj. Pomroy, Compton; 3rd, Thos. Shortliff, Hatley.

6th sec. Calves. 1st prize, James Grisam, Hatley; 2nd, A. O. Kellam, Compton; 3rd, O. Camirant, Sherbrooke.

7th sec. Yearling heifers. 1st, T. Terril, Sherbrooke; 2nd, S. J. Pomroy, Compton; 3rd, Benj. Pomroy, Compton.

**Sheep.**

1st. sec. Ram lamb, long wool. 1st, Samuel Bessette, St. Mathias; 2nd, Donald McKinnon, Somerset; 3rd, P. Roy, St. Pie.

2nd sec. Ewe Lambs, long wool. 1st, Sam. Bessette St. Mathias; 2nd, D. McKinnon, Somerset; 3rd, F. E. Wadleigh, Hatley.

3rd sec. Short wool Ram Lambs. 1st, John Pomroy, Compton; 2nd, F. E. Wadleigh Hatley; 3rd, S. J. Pomroy, Compton.

4th sec. Ewe Lambs, short wool. 1st John Fleeming, Barnston; 2nd, Benj. Pomroy, Compton; 3rd, Artemus Stevens, Ascot.

**Honorable Mentions.**

James Mair. Durham; Chancy Lebaron, Hatley; David Ball, Ascot, for horses. Quebec, W. Freeman, for field and dairy products; W. Clément, Shefford, for dressed leather. Sherbrooke, P. D. St. Germain and Alex. Winter, for harnesses; B. Walton, for slates; Madame Laroche, for a quilt; James Benson, of Hatley, for pure Devons, 2 year old, Eadon Wyatt & Co., for Washing machines and Mangle; Harvey Lawrence of Stanstead, for Washing machine; S. Towse, Sherbrooke; for furniture, Chas. Brooks, Waterville, for archtops, doors and frames, and gates.

**JACQUES CARTIER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

**Report on the Flax Crop.**

Having inspected the flax crop in your district, during Wednesday and Thursday last, I now submit my report. I have to congratulate the Jacques Cartier Agricultural Society on their attempt to re-introduce the culture of flax. It presents as fine an appearance as any other crop, with the exception of potatoes and perhaps peas.

I have taken samples from every field I visited; these samples are deposited in the Board of Agriculture, Montreal.

Considering the unfavorable seed time, and

the long drought afterwards, I think it is proved beyond doubt that flax can be grown in this Province; in fact it only requires a little more attention to prove very remunerative to the farmer.

On examining the samples of flax, you will observe that there is a great difference in the length of the plant produced from imported seed, over that produced from Canadian seed.

The plant from the imported seed has an average length of 37 inches, while that produced from Canadian seed is only 28 inches. This leads me to impress on your society the necessity of obtaining a supply of good seed for next season.

I find in general that the seed is sown too thin, and in many instances the ground has not been sufficiently harrowed before sowing. In one field I observed that the seed was sown on ploughed land without any harrowing whatever. Where this system is intended to be adopted, no good crop need be expected.

Land intended for flax should be carefully prepared in autumn, well harrowed and cleaned in spring before sowing, and all weeds carefully pulled out as soon as the young plant attains four to five inches in length.

If farmers will only pay attention to this, sow good seed in proper quantities, no fear need be entertained of flax culture realizing the sum of *sixty dollars per acre*.

You will also observe that the finest specimens have been late sown; the best was sown on the 24th of June.

I am not to be supposed from this to be an advocate for late sowing in ordinary seasons, but only to show, as I observed in my letters published in the *Witness*, that flax would likely turn out this season as good as other crops sown late. Full particulars with regard to pulling, seeding, steeping, grassing, and scutching, will be found in my letter published in the *Witness*, 24th June.

You will find also two samples of hemp, one remarkably fine, being nearly ten feet in length. If you think of awarding prizes for hemp, both will be entitled to prizes. On this point I had no instructions.

I would suggest to your Society the propriety of making enquiry as to the state of the law in this country with regard to compelling all road contractors to cut down all weeds at the proper season, as I observe that thistles and weeds of all descriptions are allowed to luxuriate on the roads in splendid style, shedding their seed, and polluting the country for miles. One season does incalculable mischief in this respect.

In conclusion I have merely to state that any further information I can give your Society, I shall be happy to afford at any time.

I remain, gentlemen, yours, &c.,

WILLIAM GAMBLE.

We have attended most of the September exhibitions where we had the honor of a special invitation, and we hope doing the same during the coming winter, provided our time will allow it. In the meanwhile we beg for reports from every county exhibiting, for insertion in the coming numbers.