

came forward in Lower Canada. There was not any unequal competition to be apprehended that might be supposed to deter parties from exhibiting Canadian Cattle, because they were classed separately, and not against cattle of larger size. The show of Working Oxen and Steers was very fair, but not equal to the expectations formed previously of this description of stock in the Townships. The show of Fat Cattle was limited, and not sufficient to admit of any spirited competition. There was only one prize awarded in the section for Fat Cows. We should suppose the Townships well calculated for the fattening of cattle, and that it might be a very profitable business at all seasons of the year, with the price of beef ranging so high.

The show of Leicester Sheep, though not very numerous, was excellent. A large proportion of the premiums was awarded to John Dods, Esq., of Petite Cote, Montreal, one of the most spirited importers of Leicesters in Canada. Mr. Winterbottom, of Lacolle, also exhibited some fine Leicesters, imported by him this year. The show of South-Downs and Merinos was not equal to what might have been reasonably expected either in number or quality. South-Downs are an excellent description of sheep, and a cross between them and the Leicester are very much esteemed in England for wool and carcase. The Merinos would also be a good cross with our native sheep—but it appears doubtful if the pure Merinos can be profitable, as they are generally exhibited in Canada. There were only two competitors for Fat Sheep, and none from the Townships; only 4 out of 8 premiums were awarded. The show of Swine was good, but few in number, and very little variety. There were none but the white breeds exhibited, and at the last Exhibition of the Royal English Agricultural Society, there were scarcely any but those breeds upon the ground. The Field Productions were not so well represented as they might have been, as regards the number of the samples.—Many of the premiums offered could not be awarded for want of competition, or exhibitors. Some of the samples; however, both of grain and roots, were very superior. Dairy Productions were creditably represented both by butter and cheese. The Agricultural Implements were more numerous than at any former exhibition in Lower Canada, and there cannot be any doubt but farmers may be supplied here with implements of the best description and of Canadian manufacture. There were not any Foreign Implements exhibited by the manufacturers. Of the Exhibition in the Industrial Department, we do not feel qualified to offer any opinion, not having had an opportunity of careful examination, except merely passing through the building, which appeared to be well furnished with Industrial

Products, Manufactures, &c. The building would have contained much more—and there was ample space for visitors to pass and make their inspection. In the Horticultural Department there was a very creditable display, though the exhibitors were not numerous. The show of Fruits and Flowers gave satisfactory proof of what Lower Canada is capable of producing in Horticulture. Of Poultry, there were not many lots exhibited, but some were very fine. *Asiatic Poultry are not so much in esteem now as when first introduced, and we cannot see why they should.* They have not much beauty of form or plumage to recommend them—and from the large size of their bones, and great length of their legs, they would not appear to be profitable poultry.

The visit of His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Head to the exhibition, has been so generally noticed by the Press, that we shall only say their Excellencies appeared very much interested, and made a careful inspection of the Live Stock and other products on exhibition. The agriculturists of Lower Canada, cannot fail to appreciate the honor conferred upon them by the visit of the Governor General and his Lady to their Annual Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Sherbrooke, and the gratification they expressed at seeing so fine a display of the agricultural and industrial productions of this section of the Province.

There can be no doubt that upon the whole the Exhibition was very satisfactory. The weather was exceedingly favourable throughout, with the exception of a slight shower of rain on Thursday morning. It could not be expected that at a small country town, the visitors to the Exhibition would be as numerous as if held at Quebec or Montreal, but holding these annual exhibitions in different sections of the country cannot fail to advance agricultural improvement, because it brings before the farmers the best results obtained from improved husbandry in all its various branches, and it would be a great pity not to continue the practice so successfully carried out in Britain for several years, and give all parts of the country an equal chance of participating in the advantages of such exhibitions.

The entries made for the Sherbrooke Exhibition considerably exceeded the number of live stock and other products exhibited, and this is a serious inconvenience, and involves unnecessary expense in preparing accommodation for stock and produce that is not brought to the Exhibition. In England, when entries are made of stock or produce that are not brought forward to the exhibition, the parties are called upon to pay a due proportion of the expense of preparation. There is another circumstance deserving of consideration, viz.—that of awarding premiums for Agricultural Implements not exhibited by the manufacturer

This appears to be very objectionable. Parties having purchased new or rare implements might exhibit them for the general information, but they should not expect or accept of premiums, particularly if these implements were only purchased for their owner's special use, and benefit. The printed Forms of Entry adopted by the Board, if properly filled up by the exhibitors of animals, produce or implements, would prevent the premiums being paid to any parties not entitled to receive them. For field productions, the Forms of Entry would prevent garden products being exhibited as field productions, a practice which is alleged to prevail, and which cannot be checked too soon, in justice to agriculturists. No premiums need be paid, unless the parties to whom they are awarded have conformed to the Regulations and Forms of Entry prescribed. The Local Committee at Sherbrooke, and particularly the Secretary, Charles Brooks, Esq., are entitled to the greatest praise for their able assistance in carrying out this exhibition. No difficulty or misunderstanding occurred from the commencement to the final close. The object of all concerned appeared to be to do what was in their power to ensure the success of the exhibition. The contractors for the buildings, &c., Mr. Drummond and his partner fulfilled their contract in a very creditable manner, and it would be difficult to find a better arranged or more beautifully situated yard for an agricultural exhibition, than that at Sherbrooke.

The County of Sherbrooke Agricultural Society No. 1, very liberally merged all their funds for the present year, into the general funds for the Exhibition, and it was expected that No. 2 Society in the same County, as well as the County of Stanstead Society would have done likewise, but they declined. This is the general practice which prevails in Upper Canada, and is the only means of making up any deficiency here from a thin attendance of visitors, at an exhibition fixed to take place out of Montreal or Quebec. There does not appear to be any sound reason for Agricultural Societies, under such circumstances, declining to merge their funds in support of a general exhibition taking place in their immediate neighbourhood, and which cannot fail to be very advantageous to them. The Prize List, published below, will show the large amount of premiums awarded to parties resident in the Counties of Stanstead and Sherbrooke, which probably they would not have obtained if the exhibition had taken place elsewhere. The Board of Agriculture offered additional premiums to meet the wishes of the Stanstead Agricultural Society, which added considerably to the amount of the first published Prize List:—

Prizes Awarded at the late Lower Canada Provincial Agricultural & Industrial Exhibition.

CLASS 1.

CATTLE.—*Short-Horn or Durham.*

JUDGES.—Captain Rhodes, Quebec; S. H. Schuyler, Huntingdon; Hon. P. H. Knowlton, Brome.