

ke of Richmond's flock, in Aberdeenshire. It the Cheviots and Black-faced sheep that constituted the national characteristic of this department of the show, and presented to me the greatest novelty and interest, and it was in these breeds especially the falling off was most to be expected from the severity of the late seasons. But these noble races, as they appeared at the Dumfries show ground, the former occupying in practical management moderately sized ranges, and the latter covering the sides and tops of the highest ranges, evinced little if any indications of want of food, or that any desolating frosts and snow storms had impeded their growth or affected injuriously their plump and beautiful appearance. I hope to say more respecting the mountain-sheep of Scotland in a future communication.

Swine at the show was similar to those of Wiltshire and Cork; some of the large breeds were of prodigious specimens, and many of the smaller kind being particularly handsome. The produce, though not very varied or extensive, was, on the whole, particularly good; and the quantity of cheese and butter was very extensive as I was assured, of excellent quality.

Implements and Machines I have no space in this letter to say anything. I am not aware that the collection contained any thing particularly new or important, or what might not be seen at similar exhibitions in the United Kingdom.

Among the thousand articles entered for competition, however, there were many of superior construction and improved adaptation to the wants of the farmer, of which more here-

after I had long indulged the pleasing hope of some day being able to visit the show of the old Highland Society, and now that I have done so, I can say that my most sanguine expectations have been fully realised.

I am glad to hear such continued good accounts of the harvest in Canada, and trust that the farmers will reap remunerating crops, and a new epoch of prosperity has fairly commenced. The weather in the United Kingdom has been cold and wet to a degree almost unparalleled within living memory. A large portion of the hay has been damaged or actually spoiled, and most of the grain crops in the later stages are as green as they were a month ago. The fish farmer's prospects are truly gloomy,

and there are not as yet any indications of improved and settled weather.

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The Highland and Agricultural Society.

We notice from the Dumfries and Galloway *Courier* that Professor Buckland was present at the Banquet given on the occasion of the late meeting of this distinguished Society at Dumfries, Scotland. We take the following extract from the report:—

Bailie Mundell proposed "The Strangers," coupled with the health of Professor Buckland from Canada.

Band—"Will ye no' come back again?"

Professor Buckland returned his most grateful thanks for the toast. He stated that he was the first who was appointed to the chair of agriculture in a colonial university; and that he had been actively engaged for the last thirteen years in originating and maturing an exhibition, however inferior, yet somewhat analogous in its general character to this remarkable society. He had, after an absence of thirteen years from the old country, resolved to employ what in collegiate phrase they termed the long vacation, to visit the principal national shows in the kingdom. He had attended the National Association in Paris, and after that the Royal Show at Canterbury, and then crossed the Channel to go to the Great Show at Cork; and last, though not least, he had now arrived to witness the proceedings of the Highland Society. (Applause.) His object of course was to pick up hints and to collect such information as might be serviceable to his adopted country; and he would carry home with him in a few weeks the intelligence that he had been at the festive board of the old Society of Scotland, the precursor, and the parent, he believed, of all agricultural societies in the United Kingdom. (Cheers.) Although he was personally a stranger to most of them, having never visited Scotland before, yet he assured them that the Highland Society and its proceedings, its elaborate reports and its experimental researches, were by no means strangers to him. These materials he had employed in Canada, not only in his lecture-rooms, but in his addresses throughout various sections of the country; and it afforded him the greatest pleasure to have an opportunity of visiting this meeting of this venerable Society. He could only say further that he hoped to have the honour of meeting the heir-presumptive of the crown of these realms, who would inaugurate the exhibition of the Agricultural Association in Upper Canada at the end of September, and he should tell the members of that Society—a goodly number of whom were Scotchmen—that the Highland Society, venerable in age, was as active and as useful as ever. He had witnessed