

owner, which not one visitor in a hundred is likely to do, your darkness may be enlightened. Now, an easy remedy would be, to make it imperative upon all exhibitors to attach a ticket or label, with certain specified particulars legibly written thereon, to every distinct article entered for competition. It would be to the interest of the owners to do this, as it would receive a special notice by the press in many cases, as well as a more thorough examination by the spectators.

HORSES.—The show of horses was never surpassed in this country—especially in the class for agricultural purposes. The famous *Clyde* was there, with one of his progeny of similar colour and nearly equal proportions. *King Alfred*, a beautiful bay, owned by Mr. Ashford of this district, is a splendid animal: for a horse of all work, such as our Canadian farmers approve, he is almost faultless. He has a rather small eye, which lacks boldness; his head too is not quite unexceptionable; but with these exceptions, we could not discover a bad point. He took the first prize, and, we think, justly. We believe he was at Syracuse, and obtained a prize in the foreign class. We were much pleased with a beautiful iron-grey, belonging to the Cornwall Agricultural Society. He was imported from Jefferson county, New York, and cost the Society £100. He is all action, well proportioned, good size, and well adapted for the carriage or saddle. A two year old colt, from the Wellington district, astonished all by his tremendous proportions, while at the same time his carriage was light and graceful. Many persons would not believe the owner's statement as to his age. He took the first and only prize in his class. Blood horses were well represented—not by numbers, but quality. *Mercer*, owned by John Gibson, jr., of Niagara district, carried off the first prize. He is 13 years old, 15½ hands high, and in colour a rich mahogany brown. He was imported from England by Commodore Stockton of the United States navy, at 1 year old. He was sired by *Amulus*, and belonged to the stud of William IV. His present owner purchased him about three years ago, and paid, as he asserts, £750. He is insured for more than half this sum, or we should be disposed to say that Mr. Gibson had made an unsafe investment. *Mercer* is a little sprung in the knees, and shows the marks of age in other respects, but we heard good judges assert that there is no better blood in America. Mr. Cumming, of Kingston, showed a couple of blood colts that will no doubt perform exploits on the race-course; but we confess our partiality for the useful and the strong, rather than the fanciful

and the swift, in horse flesh: a combination of these qualities, as exhibited in *Hunter*, the Cornwall Society's horse, accords best with our taste.

DURHAMS.—Bulls.—The animals in this class were very good, and quite numerous. The average excellence of the whole number was high, but it did not strike us that any individual exhibited a marked pre-eminence. A two year old bull from the neighbourhood of Cobourg gives promise of great merit at maturity. The bull belonging to R. Wade, Esq., of Hope, to which was awarded the first premium, is a fine animal. Mr. Nightingale's bull, *Sir Charles*, for size, symmetry, and good points generally, was in our opinion entitled to the third prize at least; but he was objected to, as we have heard, on the ground of impurity of blood. He was bred by Mr. Mair, of Barrie, whom we have heard assert the purity of his ancestors on both sides; but we think there can be but little doubt of his having Devon blood in his veins, and he may therefore be fairly open to objection in a Durham class. The young bulls made a good show—an encouraging feature in this Exhibition, which we believe is one of the good results of these annual meetings. We may expect in two or three years to find good stock of the improved breeds in every township of the province.

Cows.—We noticed two or three first-rate animals; but as a w^h-le, we think there was a falling-off from previous shows. Nearly all the Durham cows and heifers offered, belonged to Mr. R. Wade, sen., Mr. R. Wade, jun., and Mr. John Wade, all of Hope, Newcastle district. These gentlemen deserve great praise for their spirited efforts to improve the stock of their neighbourhood. All the prizes, with one or two exceptions, in these classes fell to them.

DEVONS.—The number of Devon cattle was not greater than usual, and the quality about the same. Mr. Ewart of Dundas, Mr. Masson and Mr. Burnham of Cobourg, were the only competitors. We cannot particularize individuals, for the reason already given; nor can we describe even the colour of the animals which took prizes. In the case of Devons we might, to be sure, assume that they were brown, but we could not ascertain what particular animal had obtained prizes till the Fair was over. This is another great defect which ought by all means to be remedied. Every possible effort should be made to get the judges' awards by the evening of the second day. When the public is admitted on the third day, the prize animals should be distinguished by appropriate marks. Unless this be done, half the interest,