

mals have this year made their first appearance in Canada. Mr. Simon Beattie, of Markham, showed "Young Conqueror," just arrived, a splendid four year old, the winner of the first prize of the Royal Agricultural Society, England, last year, a black or dark brown horse of immense weight and good action for so heavy a horse. Mr. Beattie had also "Robby Burns," imported this year, a dark bay of great substance, three years old, but rather sluggish in his motions. Mr. Johnathan Porter, of Darlington, exhibited Sir Walter Scott, a dapple brown, three year old Clydesdale, imported. Sir Walter took the first prize last year at Glasgow, as best stallion of any age, and was sired by the Duke of Hamilton's famous "Sir Walter." He weighs about 1,800 pounds, and shows the peculiar beauties of the Clydesdale stock in a high degree.

"London Tom," entered by Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Nottawasaga, has already distinguished himself as the winner of numerous prizes. He was bred by Mr. Wm. Armstrong, of Markham, took the first prize last year at Toronto, is about eighteen hands high, and weighs 1,906 pounds. Mr. John Miller, of Brougham, showed an imported Clydesdale, "Comet," a dapple grey of great power and weight, which, although like many of this class rather lacking in action, attracts notice by his massive proportions and beautiful color. Mr. James Nimmo exhibited some young Clydesdale stock, but nothing demanding special notice among the many splendid specimens of this class. Mr. Irving, of Montreal, had a mare and foal of the famous "Logan" stock, which do credit to their breeder. Mr. Robert Beith, of Darlington, showed a yearling from imported "Netherby;" and Mr. Alexander Beith, of Clarke, a three year old mare, from "London Tom," that deserves again to stand at the head of her class, as she did at the exhibition in Toronto last year. Mr. Wm. Wheeler, of Scarborough, and Mr. James Pile, of Whitby, each exhibited a good two year old—the former from "Nonpareil," the latter from "Cornet."

CATTLE.

As a general observation in reference to this department, we may state that while as to number it was not equal to some former displays, it was second to none in point of excellence.

SHORT-HORNS.

To these of course must be assigned the position of honor as our leading breed of cattle. There was not, however, the usual preponderance in number as compared with the other classes. The valuable herd of the Hon. D. Christie was among the missing, that gentleman having found the temptation to show them at the New York State Fair irresistible, from the nearness of its place of exhibition, Buffalo, to his residence. They will, without doubt, carry all before them, as they have been wont to do on their home-field of competition. Prominent among noted breeders of Durham cattle who had stock at the Provincial Show this year, we may first mention Mr. T. W. Stone, of Guelph. His three year old red bull, "Grand Duke of Moreton," is a choice animal, with fine shoulders and fore-arms, very silky touch, and good points generally. This bull has been chiefly used as a breeder at Moreton Lodge Farm the present summer. "Isabella IV," is a valuable aged cow, out of which her present owner has had five choice calves. One of her progeny, "Isabella XII," a promising two-year old, was on the ground. "Isabella IV," and "Cambridge VI," are beautiful young heifers. "Knight of Canada," is a very fine red yearling bull. There were also two very nice bull calves; and "Miss Margaret IV," a handsome roan calf. Mr. John Miller, of Brougham, township of Pickering, had a nice lot of Durhams and Durham grades. "Prince Bourbon" is an aged roan bull, imported from Kentucky, which has some good points, but is of rather heavy build and carriage. "Bell, Duke of Oxford," is a good, useful bull, and has had hard service the present season, so that he looks rather the worse for wear. There is no exhibition "get up" about him; but the work he has done among the Pickering herds, will tell another day in the improvement that will make itself visible among the native cattle. A three year old Durham cow, a snow-white yearling heifer, a red one of the same age, and a three-months-old calf, are all animals of much merit. But, perhaps, the most noticeable among the cattle shown by Mr. J. Miller, were two roan Durham grade heifers, yearling and two-year old, very beautiful creatures. One or other of them has taken the Fergus cup: they both well deserve it. Mr. M. H. Cochrane, of Montreal, is determined to distinguish himself among short-horn breeders, and his herd, though in its infancy, was quite a conspicuous feature in the present show. "Miss Margaret II," and "Snowdrop," a couple of two year olds bought by him at the last Provincial Exhibition, fully maintained the reputation then acquired by them, and promise to make themselves and their owner a name in short-horn annals. "Belle of the West" is a good three year old,

and "Chloe" a valuable aged cow. "Grand Trunk" bull calf, so named because born on the Grand Trunk railway, while his mother was on her way from Kentucky, is perhaps only notable because of the oddity of his birthplace.

Mr. Cochrane exhibited his splendid cow "Rose-lale," just imported, and purchased for him by Mr. Simon Beatty for 240 guineas. The following condensed description of her performances will show what an acquisition she is to the Durham stock of Canada. "Rosedale" is a roan, was calved Feb. 13, 1861, got by "Valasco" (15,413 H.B.):—

She was bred by Lady Pigot, and has won the following prizes and commendations:—In 1861, the first prize at Northampton; in 1862 a commendation at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Battersea; first prize at the Durham County Show; first at the North Lincolnshire; a high commendation at the Yorkshire; first prize at Skipton; first at Halifax and Thorley's cup prize for the best animal in the yard; first at Preston and the challenge cup and Guild Mayor's cup, first prize and the challenge cup at Keighley; first at Warrington; first prize and the 100 guinea challenge cup at Ulverstone; in 1863 first prize at the Worcester Royal, first and the 100 guinea challenge cup at the Durham County, first at the North Lincolnshire, and first at the Yorkshire Show, and several subsequent prizes at Lancaster, Skipton, Keighley, and other places. From this it will be seen "Rosedale's" performances in the show ring as a prize animal have been unequalled in England or any other country. During the short period of three years she gained upwards of two thousand five hundred dollars in prizes, besides several valuable cups; and after passing into the hands of the Duke of Montrose, was withdrawn from public competition, being a regular breeder. Mr. Cochrane has also imported a bull, six months old, of the best Booth stock, red and white, got by "Baron Booth," but not now on exhibition. "Rosedale" has taken the first prize in her class, and "Chloe," also owned by Mr. Cochrane, the second prize.

Mr. Snell had on exhibition a very fine two-year old bull. This animal has deservedly taken the first prize in his class, and is reported to have also won the sweepstakes. Mr. Snell also exhibited a very nice two-year old heifer, got by "Baron Solway," out of "Mayflower," a yearling bull of much promise; two three-year old heifers, and three bull calves, all animals of much merit. Mr. J. Ashworth, of Belmont, had some Durham stock, among which may be mentioned a fine aged bull and a good three-year old cow. Messrs. Stock, of Flamborough West, Laurie, of Newcastle, Gardiner, of Toronto Township, Thompson and McKenzie, of Whitby, Bellwood, of Newcastle, and Adolphe St. Maurice, of La Prairie, also had animals in the Short-Horn class.

HEREFORDS.

As usual, Mr. Stone was almost alone in his glory as an exhibitor of this breed of cattle. Canadians are slow to appreciate their merits, but they will assuredly work their way to public favor. In the belief of this, Mr. Stone perseveringly and carefully increases his herd, and we question if, in their native haunts, the specimens on exhibition could be beaten. "Commodore," four years old, and "Guelph," five years old, are magnificent bulls. "Vesta III," three years old and "Bonny Lass," seven years old, "Gentle III," four years old, and "Graceful II," three years old, are beautiful cows. "Donny Lass" is as broad across the hips as any short-horn cow we ever saw, and little narrower in front than the best specimens of the favorite breed. The Herefords are hardy, easily kept, fine grazing cattle, and worthy of wider patronage by the farmers and stock-breeders of this county. Besides the animals just specified, Mr. Stone had a number of yearlings and calves of great promise, most of which we may mention are to be offered at auction, on his farm, Oct. 16. Mr. John L. Gibbs had a very fine three year old Hereford bull, "Canadian Chief," bred by Mr. Stone, which deservedly took the first prize in his class. Mr. Cochrane had also a couple of heifers, "Baroness" and "Hebe II," bred by Mr. Stone, that are highly deserving and promising.

DEVONS.

Mr. H. H. Spencer, of Brooklin, Messrs. Spooner, of Kingston, Perdue, of Campbell's Cross, Messrs. Courtice, of Darlington, Mann, of Bowmanville, and Choate, of Hope, exhibited some very fine Devons, almost rivalling the shorthorns in bulk, and showing well-nigh as great a tendency to lay on fat as their celebrated rivals. This is a beautiful breed of cattle, and is well worthy of propagation on many accounts, chiefly because of the excellent working oxen it produces.

AYRSHIRES.

This breed was better represented than we ever recollect to have noticed at any previous Provincial Exhibition. The aged bull class had five entries, and

the three-year old bull class three, most of them very fine animals. Some of them, however, seem to be indebted to an infusion of Durham blood for size, and we imagine that this fact escaped the notice of the judges, for size rather than Ayrshire points appears to have dictated the award in more than one instance. The aged bulls of Mr. Thomas Irving, of Montreal and Mr. George Morton, of South Crosby, and the three year olds of Sir W. Logan, and the Williamsburg Agricultural Society, are especially worthy of notice. Mr. W. Wheeler, of Scarborough, showed fifteen head of Ayrshires; Sir W. Logan, ten; Mr. Thomas Irving, of Montreal, ten; and Mr. George Morton, of South Crosby, twenty. Messrs. Rodden, of Plantagenet, Ryan, of Pittsburg, Thompson, of Dundas, C. S. Fox, of Manchester, and Hon. G. Crawford, of Brockville, also showed Ayrshires, and, as a whole, the master for this class was a numerous one, as well as of high excellence.

GALLOWAYS.

Mr. William Hood, of Guelph, Mr. Thos. McCrae, also of Guelph, and Colonel R. L. Denison, of Toronto, were the principal exhibitors in this class. Beside them, Mr. David Youill, of the township of Stanley, showed a good aged bull, appropriately named "Fred Douglass;" and Mr. Arthur McNeil, of Vaughan, had a nice three year old bull. The Guelph men nearly swept the prize list—Mr. Hood taking six first prizes and two second in this class, and Mr. McCrae one first, three seconds, and two thirds. Mr. McCrae has only quite recently entered the lists as a breeder of Galloways, and the success he has already achieved augurs well for his future exploits in this line.

ANGUS CATTLE.

On our first tour of inspection among the stock, only one exhibitor appeared to be in the field in this class; viz. Mr. F. Van De Bogart, of Napanee. Subsequently, however, we found other competitors, viz.—Mr. Matthews, of Kingston, and Mr. Nimmo, of Camden. Among the three gentlemen just named, the prizes were distributed. The Angus cattle are near relatives of the Galloways, closely resembling them in general appearance and leading characteristics.

GRADES.

Some very fine animals were shown in this class, giving ocular demonstration of the improvement that can be effected in our native stock by judicious crossing. The grades were chiefly short-horns, and some of the higher ones are so like the pure bred animals that it would puzzle any but an experienced connoisseur to detect the presence of common blood in them.

SHEEP.

There was unquestionably a very fine display in this department, and we hear of no complaint this year as to improper shearing. Either the sharp lesson administered last year has had the desired effect, or there is less stringency in enforcing the rule at this time. We are inclined to think, however, that there has been general regard paid to the just rule of the society on this subject, and that the sheep have been fairly and duly shorn the present year. All the classes, not excepting the Merinoes, are well filled. The latter were in unusual force, and there were better specimens than we ever remember to have seen at a Canadian Show before. While the Americans are giving more attention to long-woolled sheep, it would appear as if at least some of our sheep men were beginning to take to the fine-woolled breeds. This is as it should be. We believe that a mixed and miscellaneous system of sheep husbandry will best meet the wants of our woollen manufacturers, and be most to the interest of the farming community. The well-known names of our leading flock-masters, Messrs. Stone, Miller, Snell, &c., figure as conspicuously as ever on the prize list, and we must this year inscribe on the roll of honor the name of Mr. M. H. Cochrane, of Compton, P. Q., who seems determined to acquire fame as a breeder of sheep as well as cattle. This gentleman has imported the present year no fewer than 59 specimens of various breeds, chiefly Cotswolds, Leicesters, and Lincoln. These purchases have been personally made by Mr. Simon Beatty, who is now associated with Mr. Cochrane as the presiding genius of his stock department. Only a part of these newly-imported animals were on the ground. Among them we may notice three imported yearling Cotswold rams and five ewes, some of which were first prize-takers at the last Bath and West of England show; one Leicester ram, a yearling, which took two first prizes and a silver cup at recent English shows; also, a two year old ram and two yearling ewes of this breed; and, finally, two fine Lincoln rams, a yearling and a two year old, and two ewes. These animals and their progeny will, if we are not mistaken, win distinction wherever shown in Provincial Exhibitions. Mr. Stone was, as usual, in full