

In Devons, Mr. Davey, Mr. Richard Allen, and Mr. Courtice, stand high; the two latter gentlemen having lately imported some animals of this breed from England. Our improved or grade cows are very good, many of them, except in name, superior in point of size and feeding qualities to the pure breeds.

Our Sheep we need scarcely say anything about; they are well known. We speak confidently when we say that this County stands second to none for this class of animals, as the Provincial prize list can testify. In Agricultural Implements, we stand unrivalled. There is no county in the Province that enjoys the same advantages that we do in respect to implements. We not only have these at our own door, thereby yearly saving a great amount of freight and inconvenience, which we were formerly put to by getting them from the United States, but they are of the best kinds. Your Directors this year departed from the usual method of judging these machines. They were tested in the field, giving the prizes to those only which merited it by actual work, the results of which were highly satisfactory, and will prove highly beneficial.

Dairy products have this year been fully represented, both in quantity and quality.

In grain we are happy to say that this County has again carried off the Canada Company's prize for fall wheat at the Provincial Exhibition, and also one prize for spring wheat.

**Fruit**—In this class we had a great display, some of which was of very superior kinds, there were two first prizes awarded.

Before drawing this, perhaps too lengthened report to a close, it has been thought expedient, at the request of the Provincial Association, for the benefit of those who may not be acquainted with this important locality, that a little should be said upon the general features of it, with the improvements made.

The Electoral Division of the West Riding of Durham is composed of three Townships, forming two sides of a square covering an area of 310 miles, and having an aggregate of 193,200 acres; when the census was taken in 1842 its population was 7,707, and lands cultivated, 50,268 acres; it now has a population of 25,000, and lands cultivated, 123,000 acres; the assessed value, according to equalized revised assessment of last year, \$4,050,000; the actual returns, however, being \$82,931 above that.

The Township of Darlington and Clarke,

form the front, bordering upon Lake Ontario with the Township of Cartwright in the rear of Darlington. The geographical position and the salubrity of the climate and richness of soil have long pointed this County out as a desirable situation for settlement. It is exceedingly easy of access either by water, railroad or internal communication by gravel roads.

The physical features of the country are not marked by any peculiarity; it rolls a little from east to west, but from south to north rises gradually for a distance of twelve miles to a pine ridge, and then gradually dips to the north.

There are many large living streams of water, but none of them of sufficient size to be called a river; upon these are to be found many superior flouring and saw mills. The only large sheet of water is that of Scugog Lake, situated in the Township of Cartwright. Although it is called, and has every characteristic of a lake, yet it is really only a mill-dam for the Town of Lindsay. It covers nearly 20,000 acres, (and we would here warn any one against buying land in this township beyond the seventh concession, unless from personal inspection, for after purchase he may find it covered with water, as we have known such cases), it is navigable, a small steamer running upon it which is employed in carrying lumber, and taking excursion parties to the back lakes. There is an island in the centre of it, a portion of which belongs to a tribe of Indians, who employ their time in hunting and fishing, being too lazy to cultivate their lands.

**Soil**—The general character of the soil in each of the townships varies, although upon the whole it may be classed as nearly the same. There are in each the stiff clay, the rich alluvial, and the light sandy; but in each one kind predominates over the other: in Darlington, clay; Clarke, loamy; and Cartwright, light sandy soil.

For agricultural purposes this county is not surpassed. All kinds of grain can be raised, but particular attention is turned to the raising of fall wheat; in this, perhaps, upon the whole it stands preeminent. The far-famed Genesee Valley of New York State cannot equal it in point of quantity or quality. The greater portion of our wheat finds its way to the United States side of Lake Ontario, out of which they manufacture their best brands of flour; the consequence is that they receive the character of raising good wheat, while at