

great annual gatherings should be held at three or four fixed points, Toronto being the centre, and that permanent buildings should be erected at these places for their accommodation. The cost of temporary buildings, which afford little or no protection in case of bad weather, and the risk which exhibitors of highly finished and valuable articles are compelled to run under the present system, are strong arguments for a more permanent arrangement. The extra cost of the present plan would more than pay the interest upon the capital that would be required to erect substantial buildings at three or four places, and the advantage to exhibitors and to the public would be very great.

*Cattle.*—The exhibition of thorough-bred Stock was not so good as we have seen it at former Shows. The Durhams exhibited by Mr. Stone, of Guelph, were very choice. He showed a pen of calves that could hardly be excelled in any country. Mr. Wade of Port Hope, G. Miller, of Markham, W. Miller, of Pickering, and Mr. Ferguson of Kingston, showed a few good animals each. The stock of the latter gentleman were in poor condition, which detracted from their appearance; but the breeder is not deceived by low flesh. In fact, a good judge will prefer to handle an animal in that condition. Mr. Ferguson had advertised an extensive sale on the grounds, but we were told that the bids did not take a sufficiently high range to suit his views, and but few actual sales were made. There were only some 80 entries in the Durham class, and many of these did not appear on the ground. At the Cobourg Exhibition there were 120 entries, and at the two previous Shows about the same number as at Kingston. In the Devon class, the competition this year was small. We missed the splendid herd of Mr. Locke, of Yarmouth, which formed a prominent feature of the Cobourg Exhibition. There appears to have been only 9 entries this year, against 76 last year—an unpleasant falling off. This is no doubt owing to the circumstance that the best herds of Devon cattle are owned at the west, and the trouble, expense, and risk of transporting them to Kingston were more than breeders cared to encounter. The Herefords made a poor show, both in number and quality. The President, Baron de Longueuil, of Kingston, was the principal exhibitor this year as well as the last. The Ayrshires were about as numerous as usual. There were 40 entries at Kingston, and 41 at Cobourg. The Montreal breeders carried off the principal prizes in this class. Mr. James Logan and Mr. J. Irving of that city possess some fine specimens of this excellent breed. Mr. John Boyes, of Amherst Island, who exhibited largely and successfully last year, only took one *first* prize this year. The Galloway cattle this year filled a larger space than at any previous show. There were 29 entries, against 9 last year. The chief prizes were carried off by John Fleming, of Vaughan, whose cattle are from W. R. Graham's importation. Mr. Roddick, of Cobourg, was also a successful exhibitor in this class. Grade and fat cattle made a good show.

*Sheep.*—The usual classes, Leicesters, South Downs, Merinos, Cotswolds, and Cheviots, were well represented. The Leicesters appear to be the most popular breed in this country. They combine the two requisites of wool and mutton in a larger degree than any other. They are also hardy and easily fattened. There were 128 entries in this class. At the London Exhibition there were 240 entries, being the largest show of Leicesters we have yet had. The Messrs. Miller, of Markham and Pickering, were not so successful this year as last. Mr. C. Walker, of London, and James Dickson, of Clarke, took the greatest number of first prizes. Mr. James Petty, of Huron, carried off the first prize for a ram, 2 shears and over, and he well deserved it. It is decidedly the best sheep we have ever seen of its class. Mr. John Spencer, as usual, carried off the chief prizes for South Downs. There were only