

not as large as usual, comprising only a little over twenty acres. Small as were the grounds, however, there was no cause of complaint for lack of room; and as to the stock stalls and pens, not half of them were occupied. Indeed, we never attended a N. Y. State Fair which was so deficient in almost every class—the Fruit, Implement, and Mechanical department being about the only creditable ones in the whole exhibition. Much of the apparent meagerness may be attributed to the weather, but surely a State Fair ought to excel an ordinary County Exhibition in every particular;—it is nevertheless true that in several classes (such as Grain, Dairy Products, Vegetables, &c.,) the recent Monroe County Fair was superior, in both the number and quality of articles presented, to that of Elmira.

STOCK DEPARTMENT.—CATTLE.—Were we to sum up this department of the exhibition in as few words as possible, we would be compelled to write over against it—a complete failure. In certain breeds of cattle there were not a sufficient number shown to relieve the society of the three premiums offered; and, in some instances, where the enumeration was large enough for the purpose, the animals were utterly unworthy of such distinction.

Durhams.—There were twenty-five or thirty representatives of the short horns on exhibition, and among these some quite choice stock. In aged bulls, Cooper Sayre of Oaks Corners, Ontario Co., had one of the produce of old "Neptune,"—said to resemble his size very strongly, which was a fine animal. A. F. Wood and T. S. Harrison of St. Lawrence County, A. M. Underhill of Dutchess, John R. Page, H. S. Dunning, J. M. Sherwood, and Abram Myers of Cayuga, James O. Sheldon of Ontario, A. B. Benham of Tompkins, and J. B. Garrett of Onondaga, were the principal exhibitors, and brought forward some good stock in the competition.

We can not pass from the Durhams without mention of the "Prince of Wales," a two year old bull, exhibited by Geo. Miller of Markham, C. W. This animal was the winner of the first prize in his class, and of the gold medal at the Provincial Exhibition at Hamilton. He was exhibited at the Livingston Co. (N. Y.) Fair week before last, and carried off the sweepstakes. He is a superb specimen, *bodily*, but, as we think, with a little too much legs. However, this defect was very apparent in almost every specimen exhibited. A second animal was shown in this class (Foreign Cattle) by Adam Fergusson of Hamilton.

Devons.—Passing from the space allotted to Short-Horns to that given to the Devons, we hoped to see the scantiness relieved, but were disappointed. In aged bulls there was no competition, and but one premium awarded, which was taken by an animal owned by E. Cornell of Tompkins. The exhibitors were D. M. Lindsay of Steuben, S. W. Johnston and S. W. Bradley

of Cattaraugus, E. Ottley of Ontario, C. Hyatt of Tioga, and E. G. Cook of Jefferson.

Herculeans.—Here there seemed to be something of a gain, in numbers, at least, as the competitors, E. Corning, Jr., of Albany made a fair contribution. In certain directions, however, the same deficiency as heretofore was apparent.

[The display in the other classes of cattle, Ayrshires, Alderneys, Holland Cattle, &c., was also very inferior.]

HORSES.—While this part of the Fair labor to some extent, under the same difficulties detracted from the merit and interest of the portions, it was compelled to sustain an additional burthen. The race on Wednesday between "Flora Temple" and "Patchen," &c. thousands from the Society's Exhibition, compelled examining committees to attempt day's labor in one. As a consequence the thing was in admirable confusion. Mate Teams, Trotting Stallions and Trotting Gelds, Draught Horses and Roadsters, Thoroughbreds and those totally destitute of breeding, were mingling with each other for the praise of outsiders and the premiums. Amid all this, it was an enviable job to get any information, or concerning the merits of the various animals shown. [The display of horses on the whole appears to have been somewhat better than other departments of live stock.]

The advertising card among the horses the Arabian, (but one was on the grounds,) sent to Hon. Wm. H. Seward. This has latterly undergone the privations and hardships of a long sea voyage, and we must allowance therefor, but we believe that not out of twenty who saw him, when asked an opinion, would express disappointment nothing couched in stronger terms. He is thin, considerably under fifteen hands, bay, black mane and tail, the latter fine and thin; small head, well set on; large eyes; a medium nostril; and is badly marked with white, especially upon the back. It may be something very valuable about him, well worth the notoriety which the press the Society have accorded, but there is no score of animals exhibited which will not receive "honorable mention," that, in our humble opinion, possessed more spirit, endurance, style, speed, and all the other valuable features which constitute a good horse.

SHEEP.—This department of the exhibition might be characterized as fair in number. A very good average of the total would be pronounced of excellent quality. The bulk of the display was made up of Mutton breeds, so, so, we begin to fear that our farmers are neglecting the fine woolled varieties.

We have not space for the notices of the various breeds: Spanish Merinos, Silesian Merinos, French Merinos, Cross Breeds, South Devon, Shropshire Downs, Hampshire Downs, Chesham, New Oxfordshire, Cotswolds, &c. We