

# NORTH LANARK EXHIBITION.

## A GREAT SUCCESS.

### FULL REPORT OF THE PRIZES AWARDED.

The Annual Exhibition of the North Lanark Agricultural Society, held on the grounds, in Almonte, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th instant, was an unprecedented success. In regard to the number of entries, the quality of the articles on exhibition, the people visiting the grounds and the arrangements made by the Directors with respect to its management, this exhibition has totally eclipsed all preceding shows in Almonte, while in several departments it equaled, while in one or two it wholly surpassed, the late Provincial Exhibition at London.

Heretofore the accommodation for cattle, pigs, sheep, &c., has been insufficient, and of a miserable description. During the summer, however, the Society has erected two long sheds, extending across the grounds on the north and west sides, which afford ample stall room for all kinds of stock. Trees and stumps have been cleared away, an excellent horse riding provided, and in fact every effort seems to have been made by the Directors for improving the ground to render the show a success.

Unlike past years, when entries were made up to 12 o'clock on the second day, occasioning great delay and confusion, all entries were made on the first day and all articles for exhibition in classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 were judged and prizes awarded on the first day, thus giving visitors ample time to see everything.

Coming in the first place to the ladies department, we were struck with the large and beautiful display of fancy needlework, pictures, &c. Mrs. Menzies was a large exhibitor, showing some beautiful soft cushions, lamp screens, and chair tidies, for all of which she was successful in taking prizes. Several cases of ornamental glass arranged by the same lady, showed taste in their selection and arrangement.

Mrs. James Forgie, as usual, showed some handsome needlework, a fancy silk quilt, piece and quilted, and a fancy work box, composed of different materials and stones being very creditable.

Major Gemmill had on exhibition three magnificent oil paintings, viz.: copy of "The Virgin and Child," by Murillo, from the Convent Gallery; copy of portrait of "Barbarossa," by the artist of the same name; and a copy of "Portrait of a Soldier," by Raphael, from the Secara Gallery. These paintings were purchased by the Major in the galleries at Rome, during one of his visits to that city. He also exhibited what was certainly a curiosity to the people who saw it, a curio and helmet, taken from the field at Sedan, after the defeat of the French army.

M. F. Paris exhibited a collection of photographs in oil by the Art Union Copying Company, Ampror. Among them we observed the familiar face of Robert Lyon, Esq., H. L. Skelton, Esq., and others, all of which were life like.

Mr. Thomas Hanover showed Canadian Furs—2 otter and 60 mink. Mr. John Flett made a large display of curiosities, gathered during his trip to Europe. It consisted of a valuable collection of coins of various countries, neatly arranged in glass cases; also the principal European cities; a beautiful collection of shells; the saw of a saw fish, bought at Liverpool from a sailor just arrived from China, &c.

Miss Lockwood, photographer, exhibited specimens of her work in three large frames. Also photographs of the Directors.

Among the beautiful articles which specially attracted our attention, we can only briefly mention the following: silk needle work on perforated card, Mrs. Wylie; fancy basket and bracket, Mrs. J. A. Gemmill; glove basket, Mrs. Menzies; collection of fifteen chronometers, Dr. Morty; veneered work box, Mr. John Donohoe, &c.

In quilts, fancy and plain, there was a very keen competition, there being about 40 on exhibition. The lady judges would have considerable difficulty in awarding the prizes, as not one of the exhibition would not have been complete without McKinnon, the irrefragable agent of the Osborne Sewing Machine. He was there with half a dozen machines, an organette and an organ, and succeeded in taking a number of prizes, other agents, being apparently afraid to compete with him.

Miss Mary Scrimgeour took the special prize of an Osborne Machine offered by McKinnon, for the best family sewing done on an Osborne.

There were five samples of flour, J. C. Stevens taking first and second prizes. The excellent Scotch whist from which one bag of his flour was made was grown on the farm of Major Gemmill, Almonte.

In harness S. H. Borbridge, Ottawa, exhibited a handsome set of single harness, in red leather; J. Baylis, Pakenham, two of three sets, which carried off prizes; and John Leith, Appleton, saddle and harness for appleton, for which he got prizes.

The display of roots, fruit, &c., was very large; while in butter there were three competitors for the special prize, thirteen for Society's prizes, and twenty six in tenets. The butter was of most excellent quality.

The exhibition of horses was the best ever witnessed in Almonte. For entire horses there were three competitors; brood mares for draught, six; carriage horses, five, and a team of mules; single carriage horses, ten; brood mares for general use, thirteen; saddle horses, five; and draught horses, four. Altogether with a very large number of colts and two year old colts.

A stumping machine, entered by Mr. Hovew, Pakenham, through some error was overlooked by the judges. It done its work beautifully, tearing out stumps, roots and all, in quick time.

We were pleased to see a number of exhibitors from Pakenham, Lanark, and other places; and glad to know they were successful in carrying off a large number of prizes.

The show of cattle, pigs, sheep, &c., were very large.

The limited amount of space at our disposal this week prevents a more extended notice; the prize list appended will give the names of those who took prizes:

**Span Draught Horses in harness, 1, Allan Curwell; 2, Jas. Snodden; 3, Wm. Forsythe.**

**Span of Horses for general use, William Snodden; 2, Jas. McCann; 3, Wm. Phillips.**

**Three year old altered Colt for general use, 1, Stephen Kearney; 2, Wm. Woods.**

**Three year old Entire Colt for general use, 1, Alex. Stewart; 2, Wm. McLean.**

**Three year old Filly for general use, 1, John Robertson, Lanark; 2, P. Naismith jr.; 3, Thos. Sadder.**

**Two year old altered Colt for general use, 1, Wm. Woods; 2, Cochrane; 3, B. B. Smart.**

**Two year old entire, Colt for general use, 1, B. Dunning.**

**Two year old Filly for general use, 1, Jas. Nelson; 2, Alex. Steele; 3, Wm. Fender.**

**One year old Filly for general use, 1, J. J. Fulton; 2, John Steele; 3, Hugh Kennedy.**

**One year old Colt for general use, 1, Jas. Nelson; 2, And. Cochrane; 3, John Millions.**

**Foal, 1, John Fulton; 2, G. Hamilton; 3, Alex. Steele.**

**Class 2.**

**Ayrshire Bull over three years old, 1, Wm. Blair; 2, John Turner.**

**Ayrshire Bull, 1 year old, Jos. Yull.**

**Ayrshire Bull Calf, Jos. Yull, if pedigree is furnished.**

**Durham Bull over 3 years old, Jas. D. Fulton; if pedigree is furnished.**

**Durham Bull, 1 year old, H. Kennedy, if pedigree is furnished.**

**Bull, other breeds, not less than 3 years old, D. Dickson.**

**Bull not less than 2 years old, 1, M. McFarlane; 2, M. Nelson.**

**Bull, 1 year old, And. Cochrane; 2, P. Naismith; 3, M. McFarlane.**

**Bull Calf, 1, Jos. Yull; 2, John Gilmore; 3, Jos. Yull.**

**Ayrshire Cow, Jos. Yull.**

**Two year old Heifer, Ayrshire, Jos. Yull.**

**One year old Heifer, Ayrshire, Jos. Yull.**

**Calf, Ayrshire, 1, Jos. Yull; 2, Jos. Yull.**

**Calf, Durham, H. Kennedy, (pedigree to be provided).**

**Fatted Oxen Wm. Phillips.**

**Fatted Ox, beef quality, 1, H. Kennedy; 2, R. McFarlane.**

**Pair of 3 year old Steers, Jos. Yull.**

**Pair of 2 year old Steers, Eas. Toehack.**

**Fatted Cow, beef quality, 1, Alex. Steele; 2, John Gilmore; 3, M. McFarlane.**

**Milk Cow, 1, Jos. Yull; 2, Jas. Nelson; 3, H. McFarlane.**

**Two year old Heifer, 1, And. Cochrane; 2, B. B. Smart; 3, Alex. Steele.**

**One year old Heifer, 1, M. Nelson; 2, Jos. Yull; 3, John Gilmore.**

**Heifer Calf, 1, M. McFarlane; 2, R. McFarlane; 3, R. McFarlane.**

**Head of five animals of any age, with or without pedigree, 1, H. L. Skelton; 2, Jos. Yull; 3, Hugh Kennedy.**

**5 Sheep, (special B. Rosmond, Eq., with 840 for other prizes), And. Cochrane.**

**Leicester Ram, pure blood, 1, And. Cochrane.**

**Leicester Ram Lamb, 1, L. Naismith.**

**Shearling Leicester Ram, 1, L. Naismith; 2, Jos. Yull.**

**Ram, of any age (grade) 2, J. McArthur.**

**5 Shearling Ewes, pure blood, 1, L. Naismith.**

**2 Leicester Ewes, 2 years old, 1, L. Naismith.**

**Best Ram Lamb, 1, And. Cochrane; 2, B. B. Smart; 3, And. Cochrane.**

**Best 2 Ewes grade, And. Cochrane; 1, And. Cochrane; 2, And. Cochrane.**

**Best 2 Fatted Sheep, And. Cochrane; 1, And. Cochrane; 2, And. Cochrane.**

**Best 2 Ewe Lambs, 1, Naismith; 1, And. Cochrane; 2, And. Cochrane; 3, And. Cochrane.**

**Best improved Berkshire Boar, under 8 months old, J. C. Stevens; 1, J. C. Stevens; 2, J. C. Stevens; 3, J. C. Stevens.**

**Best improved Berkshire Sow, over 8 months old, J. C. Stevens; 1, J. C. Stevens; 2, J. C. Stevens; 3, J. C. Stevens.**

**Best improved Berkshire Sow, under 8 months old, J. C. Stevens; 1, J. C. Stevens; 2, J. C. Stevens; 3, J. C. Stevens.**

**Best pair Turkeys, John Robertson, 8th Line.**

**Best pair Geese, Neil McQuarrie, 1, And. Cochrane; 2, And. Cochrane; 3, And. Cochrane.**

**Best pair Ducks, B. Dunning, 1, B. Dunning; 2, B. Dunning; 3, B. Dunning.**

**Best pair Chickens, W. S. Turner, 1, W. S. Turner; 2, W. S. Turner; 3, W. S. Turner.**

**Highly Commended—Ten Berkshire Pigs, under 8 months, J. C. Stevens.**

**Assorted Fowls, W. S. Turner, 1, W. S. Turner; 2, W. S. Turner; 3, W. S. Turner.**

**Best pair Geese, Neil McQuarrie, 1, And. Cochrane; 2, And. Cochrane; 3, And. Cochrane.**

**Best pair Ducks, B. Dunning, 1, B. Dunning; 2, B. Dunning; 3, B. Dunning.**

**Best pair Chickens, W. S. Turner, 1, W. S. Turner; 2, W. S. Turner; 3, W. S. Turner.**

**Highly Commended—Ten Berkshire Pigs, under 8 months, J. C. Stevens.**

**Two bush Spring Wheat, (Booth) 1, John Bowland; 2, A. Cochrane; 3, Wm. Phillips.**

**Two bush Spring Wheat, (China) 1, J. Bowland.**

**Two bush Oats, (black) 1, James Barker; 2, D. Snodden; 3, Jas. Turner.**

**Two bush Oats, (white) 1, John Bowland; 2, Wm. Yull; 3, John Nelson.**

**Two bush Peas, (large) 1, L. Dunning; 2, James McCann; 3, A. Cochrane.**

**Two bush Peas, (common), 1, Andrew Cochrane; 2, William Snodden; 3, John Nelson.**

**Two bush Barley, (2 rowed) 1, Jas. Barker.**

**Twenty ears strong Corn, in ears (white) 1, John Bowland.**

**Twenty ears strong Corn, in ears, (yellow) 1, John Bowland; 2, Jas. Robertson; 3, Jas. Barker.**

**One bushel small white Beans, 1, Wm. Parker; 2, Andrew Toehack; 3, William Leith.**

**One bushel large white Beans, 1, Ben. James; 2, John Bowland; 3, Joseph Yull.**

**One bushel Timothy Seed, 1, Matthew Nelson; 2, K. Toehack.**

**One lb Onion Seed, 1, Ben. James; 2, John Bowland.**

**Two lb Blood Beet Seed, 1, John Bowland.**

**Commended, Top Onion Seed, 1, John Parli; 2, Wm. Yull.**

**Class 8.**

**Six Carrots, for table use, 1, Jas. Snodden; 2, D. Snodden; 3, Jas. Turner.**

**One bushel Onions, 1, P. J. Young; 2, Major Gemmill; 3, John McArthur.**

**Six Ruta Bages, 1, W. Snodden; 2, John Snodden.**

**Six Beets, for table use, 1, Jas. Parker; 2, Jas. Snodden.**

**Six Heads Cabbage, 1, James Templeton; 2, John Park.**

**One Head Scotch Kail, 1, Joseph Yull; 2, James Templeton.**

**Twelve Tomatoes, 1, John Bowland; 2, John Lang.**

**Assorted Apples, not less than 3 varieties of 6 Apples each, 1, John Bowland; 2, John Robertson, Lanark; 3, Wm. Wilson.**

**Sample Grapes, 1, Wm. Wilson; 2, John Robertson; 3, James Robertson.**

**Four lbs Hops, 1, John McArthur; 2, Joseph Yull.**

**Six Carrots, 1, John Millions; 2, Andrew Cochrane.**

**Six Parsnips, 1, James McCann; 2, A. Cochrane.**

**Six Mangle Wortels, 1, A. Toehack; 2, James Barker.**

**Assorted Potatoes, 1, A. Cochrane; 2, John Bowland.**

**Two Hens, Canillifers, 1, John Park; 2, James Barker.**

**Assorted Melons, 1, John McArthur; 2, John Park.**

**Barrel Early Rose Potatoes, 1, Stephen Kearney; 2, D. Snodden.**

**Barrel White Potatoes, 1, D. Snodden; 2, John Park.**

**Barrel Red Potatoes, 1, Robert Yull; 2, James McCann.**

**12 pods Cayenne Pepper, 1, John Bowland; 2, Jas. McCann.**

**Commended and Highly Commended Celery John Park.**

**Cygnets, John Park.**

**Common Turkeys, 1, Joseph Yull; 2, J. Barker.**

**Assorted Garden Seeds, John Park.**

**Squash, John Robertson, Lanark.**

**Seven Apples, property of John McQueen, Port Stanley.**

**Three Citrons, D. Snodden.**

**Best 100 lb Wheat Flour, J. C. Stevens; 1, J. C. Stevens; 2, J. C. Stevens; 3, J. C. Stevens.**

**Best 100 lb Spring Wheat Flour, J. C. Stevens; 1, J. C. Stevens; 2, J. C. Stevens; 3, J. C. Stevens.**

**Best 100 lb Oatmeal, Joseph Yull.**

**Best Loaf Home Made Bread, special Hon. G. Bryson; James Barker; David Snodden; 1, David Snodden; 2, David Snodden; 3, David Snodden.**

**Best 2 lbs Potatoes Starch, Mrs. J. A. Gemmill; 1, Matthew McFarlane; 2, J. Bryson; Wm. Barker.**

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# WHAT SHALL WE CULTIVATE.

This is a question that is puzzling many a farmer this spring. Perhaps the crops sown last year did not command a remunerative price, and there is much speculation as to what changes are necessary to produce a better result in the cash receipts of the farm the present season. It is certainly a safe plan to look ahead and make calculations as to what kind of crop one can cultivate with profit, before it is too late to change one's plan; for an article that sells at a low price one year, is very likely to advance the next simple because demand will come overwhelming when it is cheap and commence again when it is dear. A man who is wise enough to take advantage of the prevailing habits of his fellow man, is the one always in a position to reap a large crop when there is scarcity and prices are correspondingly high.

There are three distinct classes of agriculturists found in every community. First those who pursue a steady, systematic course, always raising the staple crop; best suited to their soil and climate, and raising the quantity or quality, no matter how great the fluctuations in price. They win when high prices rule, and perhaps lose a little when they are low. But in the long run they are the most prosperous. They have known farmers to cultivate a staple crop in an unbroken way for twenty years, and then proved to be profitable system.

Secondly, those who watch the market throughout the country and make a specialty of raising the article in demand. When certain products are very low in price they begin to cultivate, expecting when they will rise to send up the price. An overstock of beans, onions, cabbage, or other vegetables, or even grain, is a hint that there will be a scarcity the following year. A man who does not vary much in his plan, but an agricultural paper need not attempt to become one of this small class of prosperous farmers.

But the most numerous class we place as one third, which includes the many thousands who