

was sown with oats and the crop good. A large breadth was planted with potatoes and the yield abundant—the best we have had for some years; the tubers were of large size, superior in quality, and are keeping well in the cellars. A small breadth was planted with Indian corn and the crop good. The crop of turnips was not so good as in former years.—Other vegetables only middling. Rye and barley are but little sown here, but of what was sown the crops are good.—The fruit crop was light.

EXHIBITION OF THE EGERTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, COUNTY OF PICTOU.

The Egerton Agricultural Society held its annual Exhibition at Fish Pools, East River, on Tuesday 18th October. The show is stated to have been large, and the samples good in every department. The animals brought forward on this occasion showed a marked contrast to the original stock of the district. A full list of the prizes and other details are contained in the society's annual report, from which the following particulars are extracted.

The articles exhibited were classified as follows:—

- 1st. Horses and Cattle.
- 2nd. Sheep and Swine.
- 3rd. Cloth and Carpets.
- 4th. Mats and Hosiery.
- 5th. Grain and Seeds.
- 6th. Butter, Cheese, Fruits and Roots,

In the first department eighty-five head were entered for competition; among the cattle in particular were some very superior, that had already carried the palm at the Antigonishe exhibition, and I believe are well able to compete with any section of the Province. It is only to be regretted that a larger sum could not be expended in the improvement of stock, a matter so essential to the well-being of the agricultural community and the public at large. Our society seems anxious to devote all their energies to this object, that by strenuous exertions on their own part, and under the fostering care of the Board of Agriculture, their anticipations will be realized.

In the second department thirty-five head were entered; in point of numbers, this was small, but in quality very superior. The sheep were principally a cross breed with native south-down, and other approved stock.

In the 3rd department twenty-four samples were entered, and a very great improvement is visible in these fabrics, which will eventually render us independent of foreign markets for these articles.

In the fourth department twenty-one samples are exhibited. This useful branch of domestic manufactures has grown up under the auspices of the

society, and a praise-worthy emulation exists in the competition; much of the accumulated waste around the homestead in the shape of woollen rags, &c., are by the industrious hands of our females, converted into useful and ornamental work, which though they may lack the brilliancy of color, or the firmness of texture, are still worthy of encouragement as the products of domestic industry.

In the fifth department forty-two specimens were exhibited, all very superior, as will appear by reference to the weights: Wheat, 65½ lbs. per bush.; Oats, 42½ lbs.; Barley, 57 lbs.; Peas, 67½ lbs.; Hayseed, 20 3-4 lbs.; Flax-seed, 20 3-4 lbs.; Buck-wheat, 26 3-4; Rye, 59½ lbs.—During the last few years many experiments have been made with imported seed, but as yet parties are not fully able to decide in favor of any particular sample. The soil as well as the season has an influence. Early sowing did well last season, but the wheat crop is subject to so many failures, attributable to so many causes, that it is difficult to meet all with any certainty of success, while mildew, blight, weevil and frost, are to be arrested. The scheme generally pursued is to sow at different periods, in order that some may escape the casualties incidental to the season.

In the sixth department seventy-four specimens were entered; in the article of Butter, there was a splendid lot, highly creditable to the different dairies producing it, and causing no little trouble to the judges to award prizes, when all were deserving and the recipients limited. The manufacture of this staple article has undergone a great change for the better for the few years past, and the samples exhibited on this occasion, surpassed any thing yet presented to the public in this section of the Province.

In Cheese the show was small, but of superior quality; few of our people here go into the manufacture of the article.—Of fruit the same may be said, but the samples shown would assure us that all that is wanted is a little more attention. As to Roots, particularly the Potatoes, suffice it to say, that we have every variety, from the "Irish Cup" to the "Jenny Lind," of ponderous dimensions and good quality. Carrots, Turnips, and Pumpkins, filled up the back ground, and made a very respectable display.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

MR. EDITOR,—This Association held its annual meeting on the 25th inst., at the Temperance Hall, Wolfville. The meeting was not large, but one of great interest. Considerable time was devoted to an account of the reception of the fruit forwarded by this Association to the International Exhibition, held in London,

in connection with the Royal Horticultural Society. The success which has already attended these efforts, amply demonstrates the beneficial results arising from entering the lists of honorable competition.

There is a marked improvement both in this county and Annapolis, in the quality and quantity of fruit grown. It was stated at the meeting that an orchard near Bridgetown, a little over an acre in extent, ten years old, last year yielded seventy barrels of number one apples. This shows that Annapolis is naturally adapted to the growing of fruits. King's county, however, is treading closely on the heels of Annapolis, as to the quality of the fruit grown, and will shortly overtake her sister in respect of quantity.

It was resolved to hold the next Exhibition at Wolfville, in October next. I doubt not it will be worthy of the counties represented.

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The following notice of Nova Scotian and other fruits shown at the recent Exhibition of the London Horticultural Society is given in the *Cottage Gardener*:

"In this may be included a very extensive collection of Apples from Nova Scotia, which were also exhibited in competition with English growers.—Among the sorts exhibited were excellent examples of Gravenstein, Ribston Pippin, Gloria Mundi, Emperor Alexander, King of the Pippins, Blenheim Pippin, Esopus and Flushing Spitzenberg, Red Baldwin, and other American sorts.—Altogether the collection was such as did credit to the colony, and served to show that for Apples at least the climate is well suited. Mr. Hardie, gardener to the Viceroy of Egypt, was likewise an exhibitor, his collection being of tropical character. It comprised Pomegranates of the largest size, two large bunches of dates, which would have presented a better appearance had they not met with an accident on the journey; Citrons, Lemons, Shaddocks, various kinds of Oranges, Custard Apples, fruit of the Papaw tree, Psidium pyrifera, and Medlars. A large collection of Belgian Pears was likewise added to the Show on Friday, as well as a collection of fruit from M. Chevet, of the Palais Royal, Paris, comprising large specimens of Uvedale's St. Germain Pears, &c. Ruby Castle Currants, in excellent condition, were shown by Mr. Ford, and Red and White Dutch by Mr. Tivey and Mr. Curd; the latter also showing Medlars and a Broom-hall melon. A good dish of Cut-hill's Black Prince Strawberry was likewise exhibited, as well as some Quinces and Imperatrice Plums."