

and Stewiacke Cheese Manufacturing Companies, and was well up to the mark, comparing favorably with the other establishments from abroad that supply our markets.

In Domestic Fabrics—very large and good assortments of Hearth Rugs and Carpeting were shown, in yarn and rags. Also a large exhibit of hand loom wove flannels and cloths, comprising Grey and Black, Mill Dressed, Twilled, Plain, All Wool and Cotton and Wool. A fine collection of Socks and Stockings, noticeable among which were three pairs of women's Hose, one pair linen, the other two woollen, manufactured by a lady seventy-seven years of age, from the raw material, grown in Colchester. She is one of a class now nearly extinct, who in her youth learned to play on a kind of Piano, now rarely to be met with except in some old attic or outhouse, on some farmer's premises. Whether the new style of educating our daughters is an improvement or not we will not venture to assert or deny. One thing, however, is sure, we are nearly done having any such Stockings as those on exhibition last Thursday. Carriages were very good, and prove that the exhibitors, Alex. Chisholm and A. A. Archibald, know how to get up articles in this line that are hard to beat. Ploughs, Harrows and Cultivators were good, but very few of either on exhibition. Some excellent Potato Forks and a Horse Pitch Fork were also shewn.

The Truro Manufacturing Co. exhibited a beautiful collection of furniture and showed that we need not go abroad to have our houses furnished. Messrs. McRobert & Fulton, the managers, deserve much credit, and, if we mistake not, will be rewarded by increased sales. We wish we could say as much for the other manufactories of our town. We had always supposed there were two large Boot and Shoe Manufactories, an Iron Foundry, a Last, Peg and Clothes Pin, and also Hat Manufactory, but, so far as any person could see at the exhibition, they might as well be located in Kamtchatka. We cannot but think that the owners of those branches of our manufacturing industries, stand very much in their own light in not shewing specimens of their workmanship at these exhibitions, and that it is scarcely fair to the community not to assist in making as good a show of our local Industries as possible. We must not omit to notice some specimens of Tweeds from the "Union" Woollen Manufactory, which were no discredit to that mill, or one with much longer experience, and although no prizes were offered for goods in that line, the proprietors were well satisfied with the result, and considered themselves well paid by the opportunity of showing their goods to so large a concourse of probable customers, from all sections of the country.

The goods were evidently of a superior quality, and compared favourably with the imported article, as was evident from the fact that all the exhibitors wished to dispose of were sold on the spot.

We omitted to notice Col. Laurie's herd of Devons, and we trust that, at future exhibitions, prizes will be offered for young thorough bred stock, as well as graded animals. There was also an Alderney Bull on the grounds, said by judges of experience to be the handsomest they ever saw, and although no prize was offered for such stock, we understand that the Committee intend to give a special prize. The animal belonged to Lower Stewiacke, we do not remember the name of the owner. A Calf exhibited by Mr. Putnam, of Fort Belcher, only four months old, weighed 435 lbs. We quite agree with the Halifax *Recorder* correspondent, that it would be an improvement to put the names of exhibitors on the goods after the judges have placed the prize tickets on them. We last year advocated the same course. A list of the prizes awarded will be found in another column.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION, held their exhibition of Fruit in connection with the Agricultural Exhibition in the Drill room, and we think we can do no better than first publish a paper—read by the Secretary, Dr. D. H. Muir, before the distribution of Prizes on Friday evening—from three gentlemen better qualified to judge of the merits of the Exhibition that we can profess to be.

Two very important meetings were held in Truro, says the *Sun*, after the close of the Exhibition, the results from which, we think, will be seen and acknowledged years after this. We allude to the *Conversazione* under the auspices of the "Eastern Fruit Growers' Association," in Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening, and the Meeting for the distribution of Prizes to successful competitors at the Court House on Friday evening. Col. Laurie presided at the first, and called upon several gentlemen present from the Western counties to address the meeting and also upon Fruit growers from all the Eastern Counties represented, to give information respecting the fruit culture in their respective counties. Cumberland, Antigonish, Pictou and Colchester responded, and the information afforded was from all substantially the same, viz: that doubtless, fruit could be profitably raised in those Counties, but that hitherto in the matter of apples particularly, comparatively nothing had been done, and all agreed that this Exhibition and the formation of this Association, marked an epoch in the history of Fruit Growing in the Eastern Counties, or more properly the beginning of that history, for, from the

remarks made by persons interested in this industry, both at this meeting and the one on the following evening, we were led to the conclusion that the exhibition of fruit at Truro was more, much more valuable in showing what might and ought to be done than what had been. Dr. Hamilton, Messrs. Starr, Eaton and Haliburton addressed the meeting, conveying much needed and valuable information in reference to the culture of fruit, that must of necessity be of great advantage to our intending Orchardists. They spoke very encouragingly of this Eastern section as likely to become a successful fruit growing district, and we feel that the thanks of the whole community are due to those gentlemen, for the kind interest manifested by them in encouraging the culture of Fruit in this part of Nova Scotia, and they certainly richly merited the vote of thanks tendered them by the Association. There was one fact brought prominently forward by those gentlemen on that evening, and also by Mr. J. B. Calkin the following evening, viz: that to raise fruit successfully, anywhere, requires time, patience, and much labor, and that until you have expended all this, and failed, you have no right to say fruit cannot be raised. We are very sorry that want of space forbids us to notice the speeches more fully made at this truly interesting and profitable gathering. On Friday evening after the prizes were distributed by Wm. Blair, Esq., Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, for the Agricultural and Industrial department, and by Mr. J. B. Calkin for the E. F. G. A., J. B. Dickie, Esq., Custos, was appointed Chairman, and the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Exhibition Committee, and acknowledged by their Chairman on behalf of the committee, and also to judges in the various departments in the late Exhibition. Responded to by Dr. Page, E. F. Munroe and Wm. Cummings, Esquires. On motion of Mr. Cummings, it was:

*Resolved*, that this meeting consider it advisable to hold another Exhibition next autumn, under the auspices of the various Agricultural Societies of the County. This was spoken to by the gentlemen named, and several others, including His Worship the Custos, Dr. McRobert, J. K. Blair and I. Longworth, Esquires. All expressed great pleasure at the success of the late exhibition and the great desirability of having the Exhibition in future a yearly event. The only drawback at present seems to be a proper place to hold it. The present facilities are much too confined, and are likely in future to be much more so. A Committee was appointed to confer with the Central Board of Agriculture with a view of finding out if any arrangements could be made to have the Provincial Exhibition here in Truro.