

ments in Stirlingshire, which have since been very generally carried out, and now it compares not unfavourably with any other part of Scotland. With few exceptions all thirlages, servitudes, payment of barn fowls, and such like antiquated habits were abandoned, improved systems of agriculture were introduced, lands were let at fixed money rents on leases of 19 or 21 years, and Turnip husbandry and a regular rotation of crops were part of the economy of every farm. Much waste land was inclosed and brought into cultivation, the old black and dun Highland cattle were replaced by superior Ayrshire, the butter and cheese from which were sent to Edinburgh and Glasgow in exchange for money, which brought increased comfort and prosperity to the tenants. Shorthorned cattle have of late years been largely introduced, and the old breeds of sheep have been crossed with Leicesters, while the breed of horses has likewise been improved by the introduction of strong and heavy Clydesdale stallions.

The King's Park could not be excelled as a show ground. It is within a quarter of an hour's walk of the railway station, and is of ample dimensions. The wooden walls of the showyard enclosed an area of 27 acres, and this was divided into stalls for the live stock and sheds for the implements. The stalls were covered with canvas, which is now considered much more suitable than a wooden roof. The erections were by Mr. Matthew Richardson, Annan, who has done the same work for a succession of years, and has thereby acquired considerable skill in the work. The last show the Society held at Stirling previous to the present was in 1864, when the space occupied was only 16 acres, being 11 less than this year. The only other show held in the same place was in 1833, when the entries of stock were only 550. This year, including implements, they were 3313. The total number of entries for stock this year were 1430, as compared with 1009 at Kelso last year; and the number of head included in the entries this year is 1915 against 1400 last year. Part of the increase is in cattle, of which there are 406 entries compared with 274 last year, and the excess consisted largely of Ayrshire and Highland cattle, for the exhibition of which Stirling offers a most convenient centre. Of horses the number of entries this year was 297, compared with 214 last year, the greatest increase being in the class of animals for agricultural purposes. In this class the number of entries this year was 321, as against 112 last year. In the class of hunters and roadsters the number was 40, compared with 68 last year, being a falling off of 28. In the sheep department there was a slight increase this year, the entries being 278, while last year they

were only 269. The number of head this year was 582, and at Kelso the number was 565. The Border Leicesters were more numerous last year, but the falling off in this class was more than counterbalanced by the increase in others. The entries of swine this year were 62, last year 36, and of poultry this year 387, last year 216.

The weather, so indispensable to the success of any outdoor exhibition, fortunately proved favourable, and Monday was busily occupied in filling the stalls and in placing such implements as had not previously arrived. Special trains were run for the conveyance of stock, and by Monday evening most of the animals had arrived. Some of the well-known prizetakers were watched with attentive admiration by the large crowd which had even thus early assembled. It was observed with interest that in the Shorthorn department Her Majesty was an exhibitor, having forwarded from Shaw Farm, Windsor, a cow, a pair of 2-year-old heifers, and a pair of yearlings. Mr. Browne, of Aeklington, was early forward with his beautiful cow, which was 2d at Kelso last year, 2d at Hull, and 2d at the Northumberland show last week. This animal was regarded with great and deserved admiration. In all the different classes the principal animals were forwarded on Monday night, and it was remarked how large and fine was the show of polled Angus cattle, sent by such well-known exhibitors as the Marquis of Huntly, the Earl of Fife, Sir George Macpherson Grant, of Ballindalloch, Mr. McCombie, M. P., Sir Thomas Gladstone, of Fasque, and several others. The Duke of Buccleuch showed in the class of Galloway cattle, which thrive well on the Dumfriesshire estates of the noble Duke; and Mr. Graham, of Parcelstown, Longtown, Cumberland, was forward with his bull and heifer that carried off the prizes at Hull. A large number of Ayrshires were forward, and the West Highland cattle were largely represented, and looked uncommonly well.

There was a large show of implements, and most of the well-known makers were represented. At this, as at former meetings of the kind, there were numerous stands containing articles not strictly agricultural, such as sewing machines and jewellery, which yet formed attractive features to not a few, and contributed to the success of the show. But of agricultural implements also there was a large display, and many useful articles were shown in all departments. The total number of entries was 973. Conspicuous among them was the stand of Messrs. Howard, of Bedford, who had 16 different sets of articles, including their steam-cultivating and ploughing-apparatus, their patent double-action three-furrow steam plough, and their other patent ploughs,

besides harrows, horse rakes, and hay-making machines. Mr. E. H. Bentall, Heybridge Works, Maldon, Essex, showed his excellent chaff cutters, cake breakers, turnip cutters, and other implements indispensable to the feeders of cattle. The Beverley Iron and Waggon Co. (Limited), Beverley, Yorkshire, showed a great variety of useful implements, including various reaping machines, clod crusher, liquid manure distributor, carts of different sorts, portable farm railway, portable farm railway trucks, and other useful articles. Reaping and mowing machines were shown also by Messrs. Brigham & Bickerton, Berwick-on-Tweed, who have turned out some good implements during the past few years. But the list of Exhibitors in this department appears to be almost endless.

THE half yearly Meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia will commence on Wednesday, 8th October, at ten o'clock, a. m.

The Provincial Exhibition of New Brunswick is to be held this year at Fredericton, on Tuesday to Friday, 7th-10th October next, under the auspices of the Provincial Board. We have to thank Mr. Lugin, the Secretary, for his kind invitation.

Arrangements have been made with the owners of steamers and managers of railways, to forward Animals and Articles to and from the Exhibition at one fare, and passengers will pass over the line at the same rate.

Parties sending Animals or Goods to the Exhibition, will be required to pay freight charges, and upon presenting the Freight Bills to the Treasurer, will be refunded half the amount so advanced. A certificate will also be furnished by the Secretary to the owners of the Animals or Goods, on application at the Office, which will secure a free return of the same.

Articles intended for Exhibition, unless accompanied by the owner, must be addressed to the Superintendent of the Building, Fredericton.

The removal of Goods from the Steamers or Railways to the Exhibition Building or Grounds will be at the expense of the Board.

Application for space in the Building should be made to Julius L. Inches, Superintendent, Fredericton; and applications for Bull Boxes or space in the Show Yard, should be addressed to Robt. Swim, the Superintendent, at Doaktown, Miramichi.

Premium Lists and Forms of Entry may be had on application to the Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, Members of the Board, and of the Secretary at Fredericton, Chas. S. Lugin, Esq.