

the breed of sheep in York and Sunbury is fast becoming what it should be. This is the natural result of careful breeding. Stanley, which a few years ago had no sheep worth exhibiting, comes to the front this year with a splendid array of Leicesters, that would gladden the heart of any stock raiser anywhere. A shearling pure bred Cotswold ram was shown. The other pure bred animals were, including those from Stanley, a shearling Cotswold, belonging to E. Simonds, and a shearling ram, long wool, belonging to W. McGee, Manguerville.

Leaving the Stock Yard, and entering the Skating Rink, which this year serves as an Exhibition building, and a fine one it makes, a very pleasing display meets the eye. Around the sides are tables laden with the produce of the garden, the field, the loom and the dairy; while in the centre the samples of our factories occupy a conspicuous position. First, a lot of dressed flax and linen yarn, which looks well, and sets us trying to imagine why there is only one entry. Flax can be grown in York county as easily as oats. In the whole of Madawaska you will scarcely find a farm without its field of flax, and Victoria is no better adapted for its growth than York. Our farmers should raise more flax and make more linen.

The display of Garden Produce next attracts attention. Among the roots, the mangolds and turnips are particularly noticeable, and as we look at them we feel that the "force of nature could no farther go." The carrots, of which numerous specimens were shown, are excellent; the potatoes first rate, especially considering the havoc made in some places by the rust. The Bradley reds appear to be the favorites, and no wonder, for they are large and dry, yield well, and are generally safe from the rust. Among other things we noticed some fine celery, better than we had ever seen before; some excellent musk melons, some good Hubbard and Marrow squashes; and on Mr. Kenney's table, some splendid marble-head cabbages, cauliflower, and large white cucumber. On both tables were some very large peppers, and excellent salsify. Among the beans, was a variety known as the California, raised by Mr. Kenney, and the first shown in Fredericton. Dr. Brooke showed some fine squashes, one of which weighed 110½ lbs.

Of Fruit, there was a considerable display. Mr. Camber's assortment consisted of the Beauty of Kent, York Pippin, Garden Sweet, Camber's Seedling, Cooking Seedling, Sour York, Brunswick Pippin, and Bishop's Pippin. Mr. McGibbon's varieties were—the New Brunswick, Pomme Grisi, Talman's Sweet, Hallit's White, Red Astrachan, Ribston Pippin, Fameuse, Danver's Winter Sweet, and Beauty of Kent. All the varieties

here named represent good fruit, and such as may be successfully grown in most parts of New Brunswick.

There were also some good samples of Grapes, which had been grown in the open air.

In this department were three young trees two years from the seed, and one from the bud, the last summer's growth being four and a half feet. They were of three varieties, the Alexander, Porter, and Valpy's large Red, a new variety. These trees were grown by Mr. G. J. Thornton, in his nursery at Springfield, York County. Mr. Thornton is giving his attention solely to this subject. He has 3,500 apple trees fit for transplanting, besides pear and other fruit trees. He has filled orders this summer for seven hundred trees, and budded no fewer than 8,500.

Of poultry the entries were not numerous, but they were very good.

Conspicuous in the circle was the Flower Table of Mr. J. W. Brayley, on which were no fewer than thirty-three varieties of house plants, many of them new and strange. We find on our notes a long list of their names; but however expressive they may be, there is little beauty in such words as Lantana Borbonica, or Saligenella denticulata, so we will not transfer them to our columns.

[From which remark we assume that the taste for Botany and scientific Horticulture is not increasing among our neighbours.—ED. J. A.]

Of grains, peas, beans, and grass seeds, the entries were numerous and good. The grain appeared well ripened, even and heavy. We noticed no rye and but two samples of barley, neither was there as much wheat sown as there should have been.

Of Domestic Manufactures there were some good samples. The quality of the homespun was first class. T. F. Baker had some linen and a piece of fancy shirting besides other articles; E. Horton a piece of colored stair carpet, very good; two nice hearth rugs, and several other specimens of handiwork of the good folks at home. Thos. O. Miles and J. Douglas appeared to think that comfort by day is not all that is necessary, and by those nice, heavy blankets, have provided against all cold by night. Somebody exhibited a splendid horse blanket, but the ticket being off we could not tell who. Calvin Goodspeed as usual, sent a nice variety of home manufactured cloth, as also did several others.

Of Carriages, Messrs Edgcomb & Sons and McFarlane & Sons were the only exhibitors. The last firm are new in this branch of business; but if they keep on as they have begun a great reputation awaits them. The same firm also shewed a good assortment of ploughs, stoves and boilers, as well as a horse rake. Messrs.

McCausland & Simmonds displayed some fine patent and enamelled leather, for the manufacture of which they have a high reputation.

Of Honey and Wax, Joseph Heron was the only exhibitor. Of Butter Messrs Pringle, Burpee, Douglas, and Moffat. Of Cheese G. Goodspeed.

MR. BLANCHARD'S AYRSHIRES.

Of late years there has been an increasing interest in Ayrshires. As a milk yielding stock these cows are excelled by no others, and their increase in the Province is very much to be desired. The difficulty is that when thorough-bred animals are imported they become scattered, and much of the benefit is lost by their yielding a progeny of a mixed character. Messrs. Esson and Anderson have imported several valuable animals from Scotland, and have succeeded in raising pure stock from them. Mr. Jonathan Blanchard, of Truro, has lately secured a number of pure Ayrshires, and means to take the trouble to keep them pure. He has obtained some of the Gibb stock, imported two years ago, by the Board of Agriculture, and likewise some of the Jardine stock, and as one of the Esson bulls is located at Truro, he has now the material for a fair start. We have no doubt that in the course of a year or two, Mr. Blanchard's herd will attract the attention of our farmers, and we hope that others who are in a favorable position, will be induced to follow his example. We want a few enterprising men of intelligence and capital to enter upon the breeding of pure stock, in order, amongst other things, to kill the prevailing idea that nothing is good that is not brought from some other country.

REVIVAL AT CLYDE RIVER.

The Rev. M. G. Henry, of Clyde River, Shelburne County, writes to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture that an Agricultural Society has been formed in that locality, and that he hopes that the organization will revive an increased interest in agriculture there. Forty three farmers have signed schedule A, and it is promised that their subscriptions will be paid and the necessary attestation forwarded to enable the Society to participate in the Legislative grant for the present year.

NEWPORT AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

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The following is a list of officers of the Newport Agricultural Society for 1869: George J. Dimock, Pres.; Danl. Cochran