

so large a show of stock as we expected. There was a good arrangement made for keeping the stock upon the ground, and the several classes were kept separate, as they ought to be at all exhibitions. The horses and brood mares were not numerous or of superior quality, but perhaps we expected too much. There was a few yoke of very fine oxen, and some good steers. Some of the cows and heifers were good, but we confess, with the exception of two or three Durhams, not equal to what we expected to find in the Townships. We were told that a large number of stock were expected from Stanstead and Sherbrooke, but did not come in consequence of the conductors of the Railroad not making arrangements for carrying stock. From the District of Three Rivers, we believe, there was not one animal brought to the Show. There was some excellent sheep, and very fine lambs. The President of the County of Sherbrooke Agricultural Society, U. Aylmer, Esq., showed some fine Leicester sheep he imported this year. He was awarded the first prize for sheep in several classes. Some merinos were classed with short woolled sheep, which we conceive to be very objectionable. There should be a separate class for them, and for English short woolled breeds of sheep. There was some good South Down sheep at the Show, that would yield a good fleece of wool, and a valuable carcass of mutton; but the merinos that were there, might give a light fleece of fine wool, but they had scarcely any flesh on their bones. Though we awarded with the other gentlemen who acted with us as judges of sheep, two prizes to the merinos, as short woolled sheep, we had strong doubts that they were not the best or most profitable description of sheep for this country, however fine their wool. At all events, this breed of sheep should not be classed with any other in justice to the judges. A South Down sheep is an animal of quite different qualities from a merino, and they are not fit to be classed in competition with each other. Indeed it is an absurdity to class any distinct breed of animals in com-

petition with another distinct breed, as what would be a perfection in one breed, might be an imperfection in another, and one breed might be very suitable in one situation, while another breed would be most suitable for another situation. It is sufficient for judges to be called upon to decide which are the best animals of a distinct breed, competing with each other. For mixed breeds or crosses, there should be separate classes also, but it might be very advantageous at great exhibitions to have classes for sweepstakes, where some of all breeds would be allowed to compete together, and thus be able to determine which was the best breed or cross. We hope we may be pardoned for submitting these remarks. The show of swine was very limited, though there was a few good pigs, but except three or four, none of very superior merit. We were so much engaged, we had not an opportunity of seeing much of the exhibition, except the live stock, and it was the stock we were most interested in seeing, conceiving as we did, that they were of most consequence in Township farming.

There was an excellent dinner in the evening at half-past six, the President of the Society, U. Aylmer, Esq., presiding. We were invited with three other gentlemen from Montreal who acted as judges, A. Kempton, James Sommerville, and Hugh Brodie, Esquires. The dinner was excellent and most abundant, amply sufficient for three times the number who partook of it. The wines were also in abundance, and the usual toasts, and many healths were given and cheered with hearty good will. Mr. Aylmer and other gentlemen delivered appropriate addresses, and the evening passed off very pleasantly. Mr. Aylmer presided in the most gentlemanly manner, and was most attentive to the company. The health of the host Mr. Hardy was drank, and he was returned thanks for the excellent dinner and wines he had provided. We did not stop for the Ploughing Match which took place on the 14th of October. We were told that only seven Ploughs were upon the ground for com-