

Committees have to contend with, in making their awards at Agricultural Exhibitions, is in trying to show exhibitors that success is to be sought for more in quality, than in quantity or mere size.

The committee especially recommend the varieties of apple named "Holley" and "Reynard."

Of the pears, the "Duchess D'Angoulême" was well grown, smooth, and of good size. The "Bartlett" was rather small, but in other respects fair looking.

The plums exhibited were an improvement on last year, and the two first varieties shown—"Magnum" and "Purple Gage"—prove that good plums can be as easily grown as poor ones.—Wm. H. Moody, sr., sent a sample of his "Bradshaw" plum, some three weeks since; 6 weighed 14½ ozs. Being an early variety, they would not keep for exhibition.—C. E. B. The deficiency in flowers the committee hope will be remedied in future.

BUTTER, CHEESE.

Premiums 9. Number of entries 25. The Chairman of the committee in this class, having been much occupied with his business, had not found time to make any report. While the number of entries was much less than last year, the prices at which several lots of butter and cheese were sold, do not indicate a deterioration in quality. The former selling at 27 to 30 cents per lb., the latter at 15 to 17 cents. The season has not been favorable for the productions of the dairy, both butter and cheese being largely short of the demand for home consumption.—To make up for the chairman apparently not having given the ladies sufficient attention in this laborious department, we print the list of premiums in detail. There is no department of our exhibitions that deserves more encouragement, or in which success is more creditable, and we should like to see followed the example of some of the district shows in Western Canada, where gold watches, gold bracelets, brooches and melodeons are given as prizes.

Best Crock or Tub Butter, 40 lbs., Mrs. Henry Burrill	\$3.00
2nd do. do. do. Mrs. Eben Rose	2.00
3rd do. do. do. Mrs. J. Lyons Hatfield	1.00
Best 5 lbs. Butter in rolls, Mrs. Alvin Churchill	2.00
2nd do. do. do. Mrs. Angus Walker	1.00
3rd do. do. do. Mrs. Zachariah Corning	50
Best Cheese, not less than 20 lbs., Mrs. James Kelley Rose, jr.	3.00
2nd do. do. do. Mrs. Stephen Churchill	2.00
3rd do. do. do. Mrs. Eben Rose	1.00

BREAD, PRESERVES, PICKLES.

6 entries for 15 premiums. The tea table department seems, from the report, to have been a wretched concern. "The committee regret that in this somewhat important department there was but little display, only three lots of wheat bread—one of which did not comply with the

regulations—one lot of rye and indian bread, one collection of pickles and one jar of preserves;" there was "No premium awarded for preserves, as one jar was not considered a collection, as required by the regulations."

THE LADIES ARE NOT TO BLAME.

The Secretary remarks that several ladies explained the absence of competition in this class, from their ignorance of its being included in the list of premiums—they had never seen any premium list. Two hundred lists were printed, and one was addressed and delivered to each member of the Society. If the members conceal or secrete them from their better halves, what can the Secretary do? and what can be expected but a lamentable deficiency in a department wherein skill is not only promotive of health, but directly conducive to the well being of every family in the community. Let us hope to see infinite amendment next year.

PAINTINGS, PENCIL SKETCHES.

There were 28 entries for 9 premiums. The committee report that they were highly gratified with the very marked improvement made in this department since last year, both in the quality and number of works exhibited, and they hope that at future exhibitions this branch of the Fine Arts will continue to receive that high regard it so justly merits. for

"Art is the world's interpreter,
It speaks to ev'ry land the same,
And Art can higher fame confer
And higher fix the Painter's name,
Than all the poetry of mind,
To land and language strict confined."

CARPETS, MATS, FURS, YARNS, &C.

There were 43 entries for 39 premiums. The general excellence of the various articles in this department is commended by the committee, and if this acknowledgment would suffice, their duty would have been an easy and a very pleasing one, while possibly the majority of exhibitors would have been better content with it than with the fuller and more critical report, which it seems you require from them. But when you ask them to decide which were the best, the second and the third of articles, each of which possessed its own peculiar merit, here they found the real work—the trouble commenced.

The committee invite the wives and daughters of the members of the Yarmouth County Agricultural Society to ornament the Court House with a larger display of their handiwork at the annual exhibition of 1870, for if each one would contribute some article of her industry or skill, the large number of visitors at every Agricultural Exhibition would the better enjoy their annual holiday.

The Prize List, an elaborate document prepared with much care by Charles E. Brown, Esq., the active Secretary, has

been published at length in the *Yarmouth Herald*, and we should transfer it to our pages, but the smallness of our sheet prevents.

ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

Annapolis, Nov. 8, 1869.

Having already sent you a list of officers elected at the annual meeting in December last, together with a copy of the bye-laws, and also a list of members with the amounts paid, certified by the Secretary,—I felt that it was unnecessary to send any other report until after the next annual meeting. But in accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board of Agriculture requiring County Societies to make report to the Secretary of the Board before the 15th November, at which time the Provincial grant would be divided among County Societies,—we beg to report, that at the time appointed in the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture for the election of officers of County Societies, a meeting was held at the school house, Saw Mill Creek, when, after having obtained the signatures of between forty and fifty to the declaration to become members of a new society, to be called the "Annapolis Agricultural Society," the following persons were elected officers for the present year, viz.: *Pres.*, George Whitman; *Vice-Pres.*, James Hoyt, J. M. Harris; *Treas.*, Alexander Harris; *Sec'y*, George Wells; *Directors*, F. Saunders, D. Whitman, Wm. Dargie, J. Copeland, G. LeCain.

A committee was then appointed to prepare bye-laws for the society, a copy of which was submitted and approved at a general meeting of the society held in March for that purpose; at which time it was decided to purchase some seed grain, which was purchased in the county of Pictou, and forwarded by rail to Windsor, thence by steamer to Annapolis, through the kindness of Jesse Hoyt, Esq., viz.: one bbl. wheat, two bbls. barley, and two bbls. oats, which were sold at auction to members of the society in small lots, which was all sown, and proved a superior article.

After the concurrence of the Board of Agriculture was obtained, the bye-laws were printed and distributed among the members. Enclosed please find a copy.

At the quarterly meeting in June, the committee decided to hold an Exhibition of stock, roots, and fruits, in October, and prepared a prize list, (a copy of which is also enclosed,) the place and time to be fixed at the quarterly meeting in September; which was held at the County Court House, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of October.

The show of roots was excellent, and in the opinion of the judges (who were members of other societies) could not be surpassed in the County, if in the Pro-