

The recognised points are, a broad short head, horns spreading from the side, a little in front, and turning upwards, shoulder top sharp, back rather narrow, and rounded over the ribs, ribs rather flat, hocks confined, hams thin, tail head somewhat drooping, belly enlarged, and legs very short. Now these are all points opposed to a good short horn; and the points on which they agree are a straight back, loose mellow skin, large eye, sharp muzzle and small horn. There were also some good Devons, besides Herefords. For symmetry the steers of the latter breeds are very similar, in a perfect state, to the short horns; and much rivalry at one time existed between these breeds as feeders; but the short horns it is believed have established their title to superiority. The short horn cow is a much better milker, giving milk for a much longer period. A bright white face is very common in the Hereford breed, white horns with brownish-red points. The body either dark or light red and white, or a dark chestnut brown, which is becoming fashionable. Hide of medium thickness, handle firm and mellow, hair soft and pleasant to the feel, skin on the nose and round the eye of a fine flesh colour, countenance rather lively than placid, and gait stately. The Devons are a smaller and very beautiful breed, remarkable for the rich quality of their milk, though it be not very plentiful—Quality of beef excellent. Some beautiful specimens of the latter were shown; and on the whole the impression seemed to be that a rapid improvement was evident in this department.

#### SHEEP.

The show of sheep was large, and the improvement in this description was said to be obvious.

#### SWINE.

The show of Swine was likewise large, and excellent, and generally less remarkable for size than fatness. An improvement in this description of stock was also noticeable.

#### POULTRY.

Although the show of poultry was not large, some fine specimens of the domestic breeds were exhibited, and it is to be hoped that another season may witness more numerous contributions in this department.

The assemblage of the agricultural productions of field and dairy was not remarkable for abundance; though some good specimens of linseed, grass—seed peas, beans, oats, and fair wheat were exhibited. Indian corn also fair. The Dairy produce was not superexcellent.

#### HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Although this feature of the Exhibition was thought by some to be not so successful as on some past occasions, still the garden produce in fruits and flowers was rich in fine specimens. The grapes were admirable, out door peaches excellent, apples very good, some fine specimens of pears, with valuable plums, and water and musk mellons. The Island of Montreal is well known to excel almost every other locality, in its growth of apples. The collection of Exotics was very beautifully arranged, and contained many rare and beautiful specimens. The season was rather late for flowers; nevertheless the show of Dahlias, Cockscombs, Marygolds, China Asters, Pansies, &c., was choice, in many respects, and beautiful.

The show of vegetables—though excelled on previous occasions in many instances—yet contained many fine specimens of Onions, carrots, beets, cauliflowers, brocoli, &c. &c. &c., and on the whole was highly creditable.