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The Dominion Exhibition of 1880.

Whether the ludicrous caricature of the four towns, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and London, as depicted in *The Critic*, approaches the truth or not, I cannot say. Probably our exposition was not very much in advance of the others, but every body agrees in saying that it was a credit to the Province; and, barring the usual squabbling at some of the decisions of the judges, it passed over in a pleasant and satisfactory fashion. There seems to be a good deal of trouble in securing fit persons to act as judges of the live stock classes: for example; take the Kerrys—how many of the judges had ever seen a Kerry? Jerseys, too, are not common animals, and there are many peculiar little points about them which, trifling as they may seem, would become important in a close contest. A gentleman was expected from Vermont whose knowledge of the Channel Island breeds would have been of great service to the other two judges; but he never made his appearance, considering, probably, that the allowance, \$5, would hardly pay his expenses, and, in consequence, the whole of Tuesday was wasted. On Wednesday, the Committee decided to entrust the double set of groups, Devons, Galloways, Jerseys, Grades, Fat Cattle, Working Oxen and Kerrys, to the judgment of one set of men, two of whom had travelled 120 miles, and, owing to Tuesday's muddle, had to spend two days in Montreal instead of one. The third, living in Montreal, received *nothing* for his two days' attendance: \$5, a piece, would hardly pay the other two for their time and trouble.

Some means, too, ought to be devised to prevent the respective ownership of the cattle from being so very patent

before the decisions are arrived at. All bias ought to be as much as possible eliminated, as a correct judgment in a full ring is not, in any point of view, easy, and it is rendered still more difficult by the observations of the proprietors of the animals under inspection. Could not the Committee find the halters? the patterns serve, at present, to point out the owners.

The judges, or the steward of the ring, should be furnished with prize cards, to be delivered to the leaders of the successful cattle immediately after the decision.

I regret to say that in many cases the prize-cards were carried off by the visitors before the end of the Exhibition; in fact, very few were left by Friday morning.

Durhams.—In the *Old Bull* class the first prize went, *nem. con.*, to *Royal Lind*, an Irish-bred bull with plenty of style, but a little flat-sided, and the back not quite so level as might be wished; he is by *Duke of Clarence 3rd*, and, though lighter in colour than is approved of here, is well worthy of his Bates ancestry. There was strange to say very little competition in the Shorthorn group.—Mr. Cochrane carried off 7 first prizes, a second and a third, in the ten classes, and, had it not been for his lot, the show would have been but a poor one.

For the two year old bull class there was a long contest—the judges, at last, decided in favour of Mr. Brims of Athelstane, Mr. Browning, Longueuil, having second honours. It is only fair to say that I heard two of the most skilled Shorthorn men in the Province say that the Longueuil animal was the handsomest beast in the yard! My own opinion of him may be seen in the August number of the Journal, and he is much improved since I saw him in June. His colour (rich roan) is perfect, his walk majestic, and his general appearance taking in the extreme. None of the beasts, in this group were too fat, and this should have made the judges' work easy. I hope this fashion of presenting these cattle will be continued, and extend to the other breeds, some of which were extravagantly trained.

Herefords.—No competition.—Mr. Hickson took all the four prizes. His 4 year old bull was a fair exponent of the breed, but grossly fat.

Galloways.—Here again Mr. Hickson swept the board. We shall see next year, I hope, specimens of the other polled Scotch breed, the Angus, as Mr. Whitfield has a small herd in quarantine. They are both of them emphatically beef cattle, and more fit for extensive pastures than for our enclosed country. The old Galloway bull was a picture of beef. He brought back to my mind reminiscences of many a cold Monday morning at old Smithfield market, where steers and heifers of this breed were to be seen in ring-droves of 30 and 40. There is no waste about them, and all the meat is atop. Though Scotch-bred, they are not generally Scotch-fed, but walk down from their home in the Southern counties through Yorkshire, where many pass their third winter, to be finished in Norfolk and the other Eastern counties on turnips, cake, and corn. I did not see M. Lépro-