

Dukes and Duchesses" from the United States. Most of our readers will remember that in 1853, Mr. Thorne, and Messrs. Becar and Morris, from the United States, were present at the great Tortworth sale, and carried away the Duchesses 4 and 66, for 600 and 700 guineas respectively, besides other animals of the Oxford tribe, bred by the Earl Ducie, and originally from Mr. Bates. Subsequently Messrs. Becar and Morris sold the whole of their herd to Mr. Thorne, who, the course of a very short time sold £6,000 worth of drafts from it. Mr. Thorne had previously spent upwards of £20,000 in the formation of his herd. Both of the Tortworth Duchesses and their produce thus fell into his hands; they have, however, hitherto bred mostly bulls, but the number of the Duchesses tribe now in America is not very large. The arrangement which some of them have come back to this country has been negotiated by Mr. Strafford. He sent the Tortworth Duchesses across the Atlantic, and it was only fair that he should do his best to bring their produce back. The following notes respecting them will interest our readers:

The "5th Duke of Thorndale," hired by Mr. Angston, M.P., died upon the voyage. The 3rd Duke of Thorndale, calved in April, 1858, was bought by Mr. C. Howard, of Biddenden, and Mr. Robinson, of Clifton Pastures; is a grandson of the 700 guinea cow, Duchess, and of pure Duchess blood. The "4th Duke of Thorndale," calved February, 1859, is a son of the 700 guinea cow, and own brother to the 1st to the celebrated Duchess 77, which took many prizes last year; Mr. Bates, of Northfleet, had secured him. Mr. McIntosh, of Haring Park, Essex, has purchased the "3rd Duke of Thorndale," calved August 28, 1858, and a son of Duchess 64, the 600 guinea cow—a daughter of her daughter, "Duchess of Thorndale," now bred in the States, to which his sire, and Turk, the 2nd prize bull at the Chelmsford meeting, was put by Mr. Thorne. The one of Oxford and Imperial Oxford look full promise; they are respectively grandson and son of Oxford 13th, a cow of Mr. Bates' breed-sold as a calf at the Kirkleavington sale for guineas. One of these has been engaged by J. Lawford, Linslade, Bedford. The only one, a choice heifer, 4th Lady of Oxford, daughter of Oxford 13th, has been sold to McIntosh.

Some of our short-horn breeders who have seen the animals since their arrival have expressed their admiration at their character and condition, and have spoken in very complimentary terms of Mr. Thorne's management. As the best proof of the opinion which is entertained on this point, we understand that every animal has been sold, a fact which must be highly gratifying to Mr. Strafford, as well as to Mr. Thorne.

The Bath and West of England Agricultural Show at Truro.

The Annual Exhibition of this long established Society was held this year in the picturesque little town of Truro, in Cornwall, the beginning of June; and it appears to have been a great success. Cornwall is said never before to have known such a complete gala week, and the Society received at the gates nearly £3,000! The week was commenced by a procession to the station to meet the President and Council; a short adjournment was then made to the Town Hall, and, after Divine service, and an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Chancellor Philpotts at the Parish Church, the procession was re-formed to the Show yard, and the exhibition opened in due form. Never, says the *Mark Lane Express*, was a district more apt to learn the lesson offered it, and rarely has the Society been so well repaid for the courage which it evinced in "breaking fresh ground." The entries in the agricultural department were nearly as numerous as in former years in more central and populous portions of the country; viz: cattle, 134; sheep, 234; horses, 89; pigs, 42; sent by 143 exhibitors, from 11 different counties. Their quality, on the whole, was pronounced excellent. The implement department was excellent, most of the principal manufacturing firms being represented. It is a peculiarity of this Society that no premiums are awarded for implements and machines, which are simply exhibited and put in working order for the inspection of visitors; leaving each observer to form his own conclusion. The *Mark Lane Express* thinks that this system is defective, and that it will not continue many years. The Society adopted it, we believe, some three or four years ago, principally at the request of several leading manufacturing firms. Certainly it would not do for this side of the Atlantic. Till very recently Cornwall, which forms the south west corner of England, had no railway communication with the rest of the country, and was consequently isolated. The subjoined remarks of Mr. Smith, the Chairman of the Cornwall Railway, will be read with interest in Canada; showing, as they do the intimate connection that