

Black cattle, both Angus and Galloway, are destined to "increase and multiply" among us: they are hardy, healthy, and more easily fed than most other breeds: they are famous for beef, and by no means bad milkers; and each returning Exhibition shows them to be largely on the increase among our farmers, which we are glad to notice. For many years Hereford cattle have not found favor in the sight of Canadian breeders, although why not it is hard to determine, as they are highly fancied in the English market; and we were glad to notice several very good specimens shown by Mr. Stone, of Guelph, who seems to value the breed, his first-prize Hereford cow being equal to anything on the ground. As the natural consequence of the encouragement given to pure-bred cattle, the grade or half-bred cattle have surprisingly improved, and it required a good judge to tell some of the prize "grades" from the "pure-bred" heifers.

The Sheep were as numerous in quantity as they were excellent in quality, and finer animals were never exhibited in Canada. The Leicesters were particularly good, and we were shown a yearling ram for which the large sum of two hundred dollars had been offered and refused. The Merinos, famous alike for their ugliness and their wool, were in moderate quantities, but of superior quality. The large Cotswolds and Cheviots were fully represented. But the pick of the Exhibition were the Southdowns, so justly celebrated for their excellent quality of mutton and neat figure. Mr. Stone, of Guelph, was the principal exhibitor, and he showed two pens of shearling lambs, rams and ewes, superior to anything heretofore submitted to public competition, and which, as they merited, were greatly admired.

Any one who remembers the breed of Pigs some twenty years or more since, must wonder at the vast improvement which has been made in this direction. Then, the "critter" was long in the leg, flat-sided, rampant with bristles, and fit almost for a "quarter-race;" now, the animal is short, thick in figure, and his skin fine and thin of hair. All the known breeds were represented. The large breeds, such as Yorkshires and Berkshires, showed some huge masses of pig's flesh, put together in symmetrical shape; while the small breeds, such as Suffolks and "improved Berkshires," were really models of piggish beauty, and fine specimens of what cultivation can do in the way of improvement in an animal by nature so ungainly and so dirty as the pig. And to supplement this department, it may be mentioned that Mr. J. Symonds, of London, exhibited some very fine cured hams and bacon (to which a first prize was awarded),

thus practically utilising the live animal's good qualities.

The Dairy produce was good enough in quality, though very short in quantity; but small as was the supply, the exhibition room was still smaller, and the inconvenience experienced by visitors was so great, that next year better arrangements will have to be made. It was as hard to get forward as it was to get out, and it was next to impossible to see the articles to advantage, as they were as much crowded as the people. The monster cheese, weighing 4,000 lbs., was not on the ground, but exhibited separately as a "ten-cent" speculation. Mr. Parsons, of Guelph, was, as usual, highly successful with his Canadian Stiltons, which, prejudice apart, are really almost, if not quite, as good as those imported from England. The other cheeses were also very good of their kind, and the time, it is to be hoped, is not far distant when Canada shall be able to supply "bread and cheese" for her own people. A variety of other articles were exhibited, such as honey, maple sugar, as well as some capital hams and bacon, already referred to.

The Wheat exhibited was good enough in quality, although but a small fraction of the late harvest was shown, and the kernel did not appear to us as large and well filled as on some former occasions. The Canada Company's prize of \$100 for the best twenty-five bushels of fall wheat, was carried off by Mr. J. O'Sullivan, of Seymour; that of the Association, \$40, by Mr. J. T. McEvers, of Cobourg; and the third, \$20, by Mr. T. T. Turnbull, of Glenmorris. The Barley was good, and this article is now extensively grown in Canada, as it finds a large sale at good prices for the American market; Mr. J. O'Sullivan, of Seymour, and H. Kennedy, of London township, exhibiting the finest specimens. The Oats, both black and white, were only middling; but the Peas were very fine, and largely represented, through a large number of exhibitors. As a whole, the Grain show must be considered inferior to that of former years, but the smallness and inconvenience of the show-room (like that for dairy produce) did not allow fair play for the samples exhibited. The agricultural roots proper were nothing as compared with previous years; and it cannot be denied that in quantity as well as in quality, many mere township shows have surpassed what was to be seen in this class at London. But, making all reasonable allowance for the drought, this department, with the exception of potatoes, was anything but creditable to our agricultural efforts in the way of root crops, without which a Canada farm can never be properly cultivated.