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Notes by the Way.

Judging.—We were glad to see that, at the last exhibition of the Montreal Horticultural and Fruit-growers' Association, there was only one judge in each department. The practice, too common here, of consociating three men, each of whom may be thoroughly skilled in the qualities of one individual breed of stock, into a set of judges who are to determine the value of the special characteristics of half a dozen different breeds, each of which, to be perfect, must possess specific qualities, is too absurd to need reproof ; yet, it is but too common at our country shows.

We remember, years ago, acting as judge of cattle in general at the Provincial Exhibition, in association with two others, one of whom had never seen a Jersey in his life, and the other had only seen one specimen of that breed, though both of them were thoroughly well skilled in the qualities needed to distinguish a good from a bad Short-horn ; a Devon neither of them had ever seen, and they thought it was almost impossible to say wherein a Galloway differed from a Polled-Angus !

In 1852, we went to the Norwich Exhibition (England) with our dear old farm-tutor, Wm. Rigden, who was supposed to be the best judge of Southdowns in England, always excepting the father of the modern type of that breed, Jonas Webb, of Balraham. Seeing Rigden standing alone, while the other two judges were in the sheep-ring, we asked him why he was not with them. "Oh ! he replied, they are long-wool men, and the Leicesters and half-breeds are now under consideration. Of course, I know a Southdown, but I do not pretend to be a judge of any other breed."