

THE "EARLY ROSE" IN YARMOUTH.

It is well that so much attention is being paid to the selection of the best varieties of potato. We observe that Mr. John Killam of Roberts' Island, like many of our rearers, has been growing the "Early Rose." In order the more clearly to bring out its qualities, good or bad, he pitted several sorts against it. The result appears to be a fair victory for the "Early Rose." The details are given in the *Yarmouth Herald*, from which we extract the following:—

"We cannot well judge of the merits of potatoes, nor indeed of any vegetable, when, in the propagation of them, we put them in some choice spot and pet them, as persons generally do when they obtain specimens of newly introduced sorts. Now I have been doing a little farming out-of-school-hours, during the past season, and, among other things, have been experimenting with some small samples of the various kinds of potatoes lately introduced to the farmers of Yarmouth, the result of which I give below. I also planted a pound of "Jackson's" with them by way of comparison. The soil, in its virgin state, may be said to have been a good sandy loam, covered with a growth principally of hard wood; but has been for thirty years or upwards in tillage and grass; and last spring was "old run out mowing land." The land was manured in the ordinary way, with an ordinary quantity of stable manure, the crop had only ordinary care, and the situation was a dry and airy one. I planted the potatoes on the 11th day of May last. They produced as follows:—

Description.	Ozs.	Produce.	Mult.	Size.	Qual.
The Owens	17	33 lbs.	31	small	fair
Early Rose	6	29 "	77	large	superior
Patterson Blue	3½	10 "	46	"	poor
Gleasons	11	42 "	61	medm	"
Early Hansw'rh	16	64 "	64	small	good
Jacksons	16	54 "	54	medm	"
Nameless	16	67 "	67	large	supr.

The "nameless" potato comes out well, and we should be glad to hear what kind of a potato it is. If an obscure sort, known only in Mr. Killam's patch, the Yarmouth Society could not do better than encourage its increase, with a view to further experiment.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

GREAT ANNUAL FAIR AT YARMOUTH.

The second annual Exhibition of the Yarmouth County Agricultural Society was held on the Parade Ground and in the Court House, on Thursday, 7th Oct., favored with the finest possible weather, and with neither incident nor accident to mar the general enjoyment. There was a large assemblage throughout the day, the Court House for several hours being filled to its utmost capacity, mostly with ladies.

THE CHAIRMEN AT FAULT.

It was slightly aggravating to the Secretary, after several hours of hard work, while waiting patiently for 11 books to be returned to him, that he might find out and write down between 300 and 400 names, corresponding to numbers, to learn that several of the Chairmen, after completing their work, had put their books into their pockets, and complacently departed for dinner or for business.

A POLICEMAN WANTED.

It was slightly aggravating also, when the names were at length ready for announcement, to find that the respected President of the Society could not compel quiet in the Court.

ENTRIES.

The number of Exhibitors—70—although not in proportion to the greatly increased number of members—156—and the number of entries—413—were both in excess of last year; smaller quantities being required, there was less table room occupied, the show of vegetables did not look large by comparison.

HORSES.

The committee report that the exhibition of Horses is much inferior with regard to number and appearance to that of last year. The number entered was 18, while the premiums offered were 21. In awarding premiums the committee were guided by the freedom from blemish, soundness, good points and supposed general usefulness of the animals, rather than by their style or beauty of appearance. The committee would particularly recommend that more attention be paid by exhibitors to the grooming of horses intended for future exhibitions.

NEAT STOCK.

Of female neat stock, the committee report "the stock, upon the whole, much the same as last year." There were 39 entries and 15 premiums. In regard to male animals of which there were 49 entries and 33 premiums, the committee report that although the show was not so large as desirable, there was a large proportion of superior animals, particularly among the young stock. They recommend that exhibitors should be more careful to give age and breed; also, that the Premium List should make more distinctions as to age—a four year old heifer not competing fairly with cows of seven years and upwards which have attained full growth and development.

SHEEP, PIGS, POULTRY.

Number of entries in this class 79, and the number of premiums 42. In this class, the committee report a great improvement, 79 entries against 34 last year. They commend the Southdown as a very fine sheep, showing the best points for fineness of wool and for size. They recommend that in future,

exhibitors should be required to mark the age and breed of sheep with the number. The show of pigs attracted general admiration, and could probably not be beaten in the province; one lot, a sow and litter of 11, was sold at \$74.00. In these also they recommend that age, breed and weight should be marked with the number. The show of poultry, much in advance of last year, although small compared to what it ought to be and will be hereafter. White Leghorn took first prize, some of these—spring chickens—were sold at \$1.00 per pair. In poultry, also, age should be marked upon the coops.

GRAIN, SEEDS, IMPLEMENTS, PEAT, CLAY.

The number of entries was 32, premiums 48. The best implement for household use was presented by Mr. Calvin Wyman, in the shape of a very ingenious Foot Warmer and Lantern combined, for which, in the United States, a patent would be taken out. The committee carefully examined the various articles submitted, some of them being the best samples ever exhibited before the Society; and while they would not be understood to predicate absolute perfection of any of them, they unanimously agreed that the Beans and Peas were decidedly the best Agricultural specimens coming under their investigation, and that the various kinds of grain presented far exceeded the samples exhibited last year. The committee recommend a Premium on the specimen of Drain Tile presented, being well made, of good material, and perfectly burned. They also recommend a greater variety of household and agricultural implements—the collection being so small this year that it afforded no chance for choice.

VEGETABLES.

There were 80 entries, and 69 premiums. On the whole the Exhibition in this department surpassed both in variety and excellence that of last year. It is recommended that in future no article be admitted for competition unless with its name attached. No prize was awarded for the best show of vegetables, there being "no entries, or collections dispersed, exhibitors not looking after them." It is the same at all our shows, provincial or local. There are to be found exhibitors who bring an armsfull of garden stuff, throw it down on the tables, and run away, leaving it to be cared for by officials who have their own work to attend to, and more than they can accomplish. In other countries stuff thrown into an exhibition in that slovenly way would, however meritorious in other respects, be at once consigned to an adjoining pig pen to make way for legitimate exhibitors.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

There were 12 entries for 15 premiums. One of the great difficulties that Prize