

The prizes offered by the County were numerous. There were fifty eight classes, and six prizes in each class, even ten prizes were offered in a class.

I have noticed but three or four classes which were not entirely filled up, in a great number of which the prizes were warmly contested. Generally the stock and articles exhibited were remarkable.

Horses were well represented, from the stallion and the aged mare, to the yearling colt; they were hundred and thirty seven in number, divided in eight classes, all good Canadian horses. It has often been difficult to make a choice, principally in the class of brood mares and foals, and in the class of fine mares without foals. The mare of M. Chicoine, of Verchères, had more difficulty to take the first prize than at the provincial Exhibition in September last: she perhaps owes this second victory to a recollection of a first one; for the mares of MM. Beauchemin, Archambault, Blanchard, Lussier and Dansereau had the same right to the first prize. These gentlemen are to be blamed for not having exhibited their mares at Montreal.

MM. Thimothé and Pierre Dansereau, of Verchères, deserve the same reproach for not having exhibited their stallions which are really superior.

Cattle was also well enough represented in nine different classes; many were of the Ayrshire and Durham breeds, but the greater number of them were of mixed breeds. The best specimens were exhibited by MM. Archambault, Massue, Lussier and Collet of Varennes. There were some very remarkable.

Sheep and swine were numerous and of good and fine quality. For these classes MM. Dansereau of Verchères are redoubtable competitors.

Poultry were very fine; grains of all kinds were in great quantity and

so where the thimothy and clover seeds.

Besides were to be seen enormous pumpkins, fine apples, fine grapes, cabbages, turnips, carrots, mangold wurtzel in quantity, good honey; cheese, and firkins of butter in great quantity.

The departement of domestic industry was admirable and well represented. The etoffe du pays, flannels, shawls, blankets, counterpanes, under petticoats, mantlets, knitted woolen stockings and socks, home made, covered an immense table and excited the admiration of visitors.

This fine feast took place at Verchères on Mr. Charles Amiot's farm, near the village. This young gentleman is the worthy inheritor of his father's politeness, the late Pierre Amiot, Esq.; who so long represented the County of Verchères.

For such feasts the locality is the most advantageous and charming. The weather was fine, and the visitors numerous. The feast was fine in all respects.

The committee spared nothing to make it as interesting as possible, and to make the members, who are most all farmers, understand how they ought to esteem their condition so noble and advantageous.

All was well managed. Three fine flags were floating upon Mr. Amiot's house. This gentleman and M. Collette deserve certainly the greatest praises for the cares they brought to make the preparations; and I would be ungrateful not to thank MM. the musicians of Verchères for the interest they took in our feast by their presence, in playing at different intervals the finest and best executed airs; the canon itself was heard now and then.

The feast ended very late by the proclamation of the premiums awarded, and the distribution seemed to be satisfactory. However, I like to acknowledge that MM. the Judges