

in the past years, with some additions. The amount to be awarded will be about 12,000 dollars.

Arrangements have been made with the Great Western, the Grand Trunk, and other western railways, and also with the proprietors of the lake steamboats, to carry passengers, lock, and articles to and from the Exhibition at reduced fares.

The accommodation for visitors in London will be ample, and the hotel charges moderate.

JOHN BARWICK,

*President Prov. Agricultural Association.*  
Woodstock, 30th April, 1861.

### Shipment of Stock for Canada.

EDITOR OF THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURIST. On Thursday, the 11th inst., the *Helen Douglas*, of Annan, sailed from the port of Annan with a full cargo of general farm stock for America. In every respect the whole of the animals are, from the continued improvement of the breed, much superior in quality to any previously shipped from this country. The various Agricultural Societies' shows held throughout a kingdom have done much to enlarge the eyes of our noted breeders; and it may now be stated, with at least some degree of confidence, that the different kinds of stock in this country are rapidly approaching to a state of perfection. Many of the enterprising farmers and breeders of this county (Dumfriesshire) have already gained a world-wide reputation for their horses, cattle, and sheep; and their names, under the respective classes of animals, appear as eminently successful competitors, not only at all the great and important shows of stock in this country and in England, but also throughout the continent, and in America.

Having had an opportunity of ascertaining from whom Mr. Simon Beattie, of Markham, Canada West, purchased a portion of his stock, it may be interesting to some of your agricultural friends to learn that amongst his lot he has a two-year old Durham heifer and a bull-calf from the far-famed herd of Mr. Syme, of Redbank, in this country. The heifer is a very superior and well-bred animal, and the bull-calf is one of Mr. Syme's favourite cows, and is considered by him to be one of the very best ever sent from his herd. Mr. Syme's name, as a breeder of Shorthorns, is not better nor more extensively known in this country than it is throughout Canada. He has sent out many from his stock that have obtained numerous prizes there; and in this country he has long held high ground among agriculturists for the excellency and purity of his breed. The animal specially worthy of notice is a two-year old heifer from the no less famous Galloway herd of Mr. Beattie, of Newbie House,

near Annan. This animal gained a first prize as a yearling, at a public show, where there were exhibited some of the best Galloways in Dumfriesshire. Mr. Beattie, of Newbie House, is, and has been the exclusive proprietor of the well-known race of Galloway bulls distinguished by the name of "Mosstrooper," that have gained more premiums and medals than any other bulls in Great Britain, and have never been beaten—see the catalogues of the Royal Agricultural Society's Show of England, and of the Highland Agricultural Society's Exhibition of Scotland. Mr. Simon Beattie has also taken out an excellent Ayrshire cow from a noted dairy stock in the south of Scotland. The sheep have been selected with no less care, and include rams and gimmers from the flock of Mr. Walker, North Leech, Gloucestershire rams, shearling rams and gimmers from the well-known Leicester stocks of Messrs. Simpson, Sandys, and Barton, in Yorkshire, and of Mr. Beattie, Newbie. The rams have been purchased at a cost of not less than £15 each. Indeed, it may be stated under this class, that the animals are of the best blood in the world; and it may also be observed that the different breeds cannot approach more closely towards excellence of form. The English breeders above named have long held and enjoyed a high reputation for their sheep, and no less famed is Mr. Beattie, of Newbie. The latter gentleman was, last year, the most successful competitor for Galloway cattle, and Leicester sheep, at the Highland Agricultural Society's Show, held at Dumfries, which was open to the world. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Mr. Simon Beattie, of Markham, and on the other gentlemen who accompanied him, for their perseverance and enterprise. No expense was spared by them; and on this account they were enabled to visit and select from the stocks of the most eminent breeders in Great Britain. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the animals taken out with them will tend to improve the breed in America, and will maintain the high-won fame and reputation which the breeders of them have deservedly attained in this country.

CORRESPONDENT.

Annan, Scotland, April 20, 1861.

### Judges and Competitors—The Provincial Exhibition.

EDITORS OF THE AGRICULTURIST:—The time is drawing near when the Judges will be appointed for the Provincial Exhibition to be held in London in the fall. The appointment of judges is an important matter. They ought to be men that know their duty and that will honestly perform it. One of your correspondents, in the No. of *Agriculturist* of 15th October last, says:—"I cannot refrain from making some remarks when I am hearing daily the bitter and numberless complaints of exhibitors