

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION 1858.

This year the Provincial Exhibition was held on the ground selected by the Agricultural Association of Lower Canada; and if there was no very marked improvement in the different departments, the entries were more numerous in some of these, and there were instances of excellence, in the opinion of some, unprecedented.

On Wednesday the grounds at Point St. Charles were opened to privileged parties. The area contained ample space, and the buildings, so kindly lent by the Grand-Trunk Company, are well suited for the purpose of an Arts Exhibition, affording perfect security against the accidents of weather. We shall not enter into the question of eligibility of site, or the advisability of the erection of permanent buildings. But we have especial pleasure in reading the unvarying acknowledgements of all parties, bearing ample testimony to the courteous attention of the managers. Especially on the 30th, the second day, the grounds were crowded,—a large proportion having come from the Country Districts, and the numbers steadily increased throughout the day. The building appropriated to the Industrial Exhibition was so crowded, that examining the objects of interest was out of the question. The Horticultural tent was densely crowded, and along the whole circumference of the live stock pens, a dense mass of spectators pressed without intermission. In the two days between 15,000 and 16,000 tickets were sold, and upwards of 20,000 persons visited the ground; and we feel assured that all who take an interest in the agricultural progress and industrial advancement of our country, and who were amongst the visitors, did not leave the exhibition of this year without feeling gratified with the abounding evidences he meet with, of the skill, the intelligence and the industry of the Agriculturists, Manufacturers and Mechanics of Lower Canada. This notice will be necessarily brief and general, and suited to the limits of the Journal. The detailed report will be found in the transactions of the Board of Agriculture.

HORSES.

In this department there were the following entries: 74 Stallions; 31 Mares and Foals; 16 Fillies; 14 Draft Horses; 10 Carriage Horses; 12 Saddle Horses. The splendid show of draught horses were thought to equal, if not excel that of any previous year. The show of carriage and saddle horses was rather deficient, though the specimens exhibited by Jesse Joseph Esq. and Dr. Woodward, Mr. Maurice of St. Lambert, and M. Ogilvie of Lachine, Hon. P. H. Moore, Col. Gagy's *Rob Logic* and Mr. Enclide Roy's four year old mare *Coquette, of Rob Logic*, were well deserving of commendation. The draft stallions were of course that of Canadian or the Clydesdale breeds. The first either pure, or having a large admixture of Canadian blood. It is well known that our neighbours across the lines buy up all our best, especially hunting, carriage and saddle horses.

CATTLE.

The display of cattle was held to surpass any previous year. The entries were as follows: 54 Bulls; 63 Cows; 64 Heifers; 6 Oxen; 10 Steers and 17 Calves. The Ayrshire breed, which appears to be best adapted to many districts, was the most prominent. The Durham seems most highly praised in the Townships. The Ayrshire breed are chiefly esteemed for their milking properties, and has been sedulously cultivated on our own farm of Hilton for 35 years. The most common colour is red and white in patches, but never pure white; and ever yellow or dun are suspicious, unless found in the oldest and purest stocks.