

each their own premiums. That Pigs should be classed under the one head of "Pigs," as if there was in reality no distinction between the large and the small breed—between the coarse-boned and the fine-boned—between the pig of early maturity and the pig which comes to its full growth and plumpness after many months. I possess the pig and the breed of pigs which took the first prize in the Province when I exhibited her; but to compare her young at six months or two years with a large boned Irish sow, or full grown Irish hog, without taking into consideration the amount of food consumed by each would hardly be fair. On this account (though I have a beautiful young boar, which Mr. Briggs of Kingston affirms, grew 44 lbs. in 22 days; and though I possess some beautiful sows of the Lord Radnor breed) it is yet dubious, if I shall go to the expense or trouble of exhibiting any of them, for the same reason that I should be unwilling to exhibit a Devon two year old bull where Durhams were allowed to enter the lists. In fact, on what *principles* could a comparison be instituted? If these were declared beforehand, then we might more clearly understand the matter and decide accordingly. I am, it is true, *only one*, but what influences or tends to influence one may influence many.

Again, I am told, that "a certificate must be produced to shew the breeding of *grade* animals." Now what can be the object of such a regulation? The *Thorough-bred* animals had all been provided for. Was it not, then, sufficient that *other* stock (not *thorough-bred*) should be allowed to compete as *such*, that is, as crossed (without the necessity of producing a pedigree), particularly as the cross (whether of Ayrshire, or Devon, or Durham,) was to make no difference in the matter of awarding the premium. There are "*grade*" animals (if I understand the term: and most people in this District, I think, understand it as I do) of *every* degree and of *most uncertain* origin,—half-bred, quarter-bred, eighth-bred—native crossed with Ayrshire, or half Ayrshire, and crossed again with Durham or Devon, or with half Devon or half Durham,—and because a certificate of breeding (often too readily to be obtained, if no conscientious scruple prevent its demand) cannot be procured, is a noble animal to be denied its merit, and a less noble or an ignoble one to obtain the reward, simply because the origin of the one was of later date, and could, therefore, be the more easily traced. Would this be just?

With these remarks you may not accord; but still, I hope, you will not refuse them a place in your journal. I was much pleased with the subject matter of Mr. Parsons' letter in this month's "Agriculturist." I only regret that he has not entered more into the matter statistically. I hope the controversy will be continued, as it is one calculated to throw light upon the subject of breeding and cattle. I have not seen Mr. Tye's letter, the *Agriculturist* of last month not having come to hand (so far as I have been able to ascertain,) and this last number only a few days since and opened by me last night. We are getting

some nice stock in this District—thorough-bred Durham and Ayrshire Cows and Bulls. A year old Bull, (Durham) named Halton, was bought here, about two months since, for thirty-seven pounds. I have a ram lamb which weighed on July 2nd 100 lbs., and my neighbour, Mr. Going, has one which on the 6th weighed 111 lbs. In haste,

Your's faithfully,

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P. S. Have not the cattle of the country some admirable qualities? Are they not worthy of notice and of premiums? Ought not *their* improvement as pure bred *natives* to be encouraged by the selection of the best by judicious care and breeding.

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[We readily insert the foregoing communication from our respected correspondent, and invite the attention of the managers of the Provincial Association to the subjects it embraces. The premium list underwent much deliberation, and as it has been already circulated throughout the Province, we fear that it is too late for the present year, to carry out the alterations suggested by our correspondent; but we have no doubt they will receive due attention by the Board hereafter. The object of certificates to shew the breeding of *Grade* Stock, is, we apprehend, simply to gratify a natural curiosity and to impart useful information; no grade animal will be disqualified for a premium for want of a certificate, if otherwise eligible. This however will not be the case with the *pure breeds*;—from them a full and satisfactory pedigree will in all cases be required. As to articles of merit, not enumerated in the premium list,—and of such there must necessarily be more or less in an Exhibition of so extensive a range,—the Directors have always been disposed to deal as liberally as the state of the funds of the Association would allow; and we have no reason to think that the present year will be an exception. The Board of Agriculture will doubtless feel gratified in receiving suggestions and information on the important objects which they seek to promote, from all portions of the Province.]—EDITOR.

THE MONSTER OX. — The magnificently great Ox raised by Col. N. C. Baldwin of Cleveland, will soon be sent on a pilgrimage to the World's Fair. He has been fattened for eight years, and now weighs the enormous figure of 4,000 pounds. The world may safely be challenged to produce his equal. A mile per day is now his longest land journey! He will be transported East by water, and from Boston will need a pretty good sea craft for his individual comfort.—*Cleveland Herald*.