

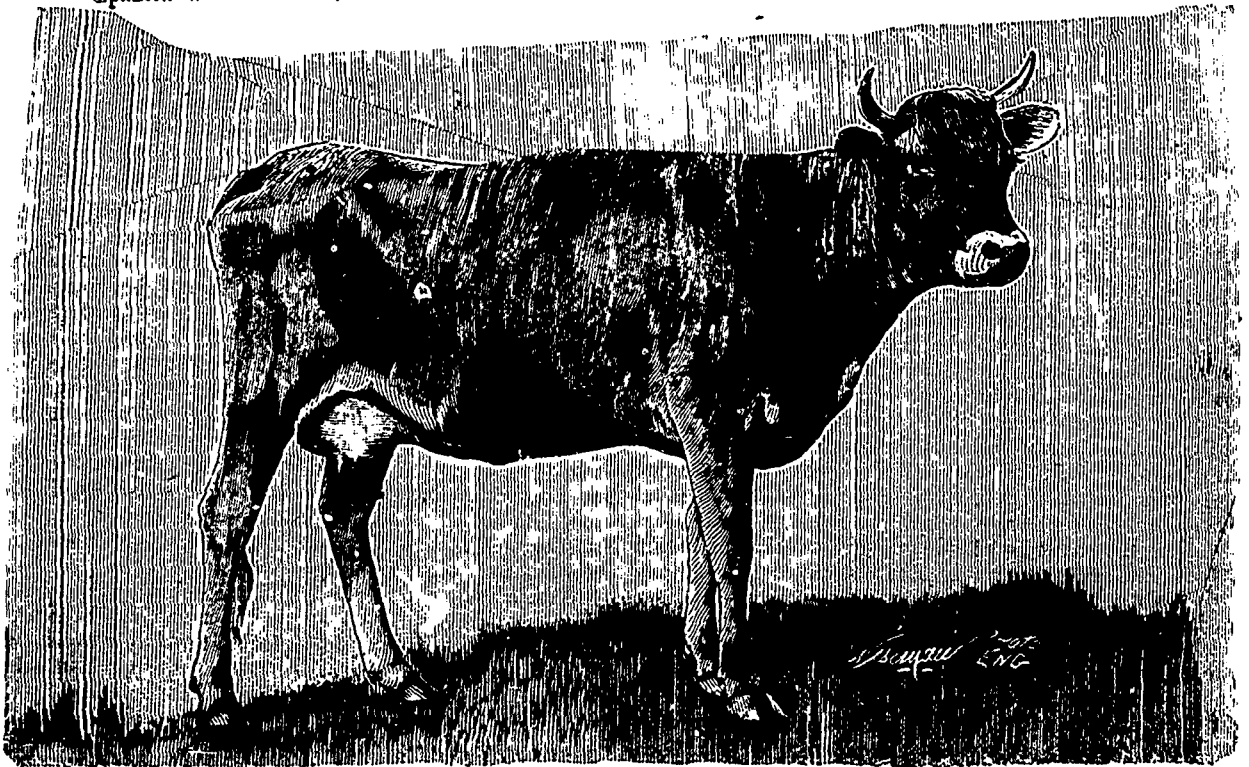
bulls, and first and second for yearling heifers. Mr Whitfield won the Shorthorn herd-prize.

As a whole, I think that, barring the Shropshire sheep, and, perhaps, the Polls, the *Herefords* were the best group in the show. Here, Mr Cochrane had it pretty well his own way, taking 7 first prizes out of 10. I do not see that any one can feel dissatisfied with the decisions of the judges of this breed; grumblers there always will be, but I heard less murmuring than usual this year.

Mr Whitfield cleared the board in the Devon group. I like his yearling bull better than the 2 year old. They are both good types of the *North Devon*, though I am told some of the papers called them *South Devons*, a non-existent breed as a pure breed, though *South Devon* cattle certainly exist; but they are generally termed *Somersetts*, or were in my

The back of the *Rougement* yearling is perfect; that companion has a tendency to hollowness, which will

*Devons* and *Herefords*, the prizes for *Ayrshires* were well scattered about among a variety of competition. Here, I saw, for the first time since I was in Scotland, a black *Ayrshire*! I confess I took her for a *Kerry* at first, but Mrs Whitfield assured me that she was pure-bred and a recent importation. A more lovely head than Mr Irving's cow in the herd prize, I hardly ever saw. It is the fac simile of the head of one of Mr Abbott's *Guernseys*, of which I spoke in the September number of the *Journal*, and I cannot find higher praise for anything: Mr James Drummond's first prize yearling bull, promises to be a difficult one to beat in future shows. He has not long arrived from the West of Scotland, and had better luck than his worthy owner, who on his return voyage, suffered shipwreck, and passed an uncomfortable time in an open boat, only arriving the very day on which his rival, Mr Irving, was credited with the first prize for the best herd of *Ayrshires*. However, turn and turn



JERSEY HEIFER, 2 YEARS OLD, 1st PRIZE AT THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION, 1882.

not improve by age. I still stick to what I said three years ago: where the soil is moderately good, there is no breed of cattle better suited to our province than the *North Devon*, if selected from good milking strains. They are first cousins to the *Jerseys*, and, therefore, to our Canadian cattle, and they are first-rate butchers' beasts, the offal being very light, the joints neat, the meat of first quality, and they almost invariably weigh as heavy as they look. They are not great milkers, but the milk they give is very rich, and particularly suited to butter-makers from the high colour of the cream. Mr Wotherspoon, of St. Anne's proposes to purchase a bull of this breed to put to his heifers this next spring. If as I have heard a sale is to take place at *Rougement*, this autumn, it will be a good opportunity for investment. There is no delicacy about the strain; they are as hardy as *Kyloes*, in spite of their refined appearance. In great contrast to the

about is fair play, and, doubtless, Mr Drummond turn will come again.

Mr Brown, of *Petite Côte*, took first prize for a nice two years old heifer; but her countenance did not please one, being harsh and too stern. Mr Hodge, of St. Laurent, showed a two year old in this class that had hind quarters as beefy and well let down as an average *Hereford*. I do not pretend to know very much about *Ayrshires*, but Mr Rodden's first prize bull calf struck me as having many points of promise. He is certainly a growthy animal, and his hair and skin are fine to the touch.

I need hardly say that the *Polled Angus* cattle are becoming exceedingly popular in the Western ranches. Finer beef is produced by no breed, as may be seen any Christmas market day at *Islington*; and there is this great advantage belonging to them: they are heavy as well as prime beasts;