

THE PROTESTANT, AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, SATURDAY, Nov. 2, 1861.

The Agricultural Exhibition.

We intended to prepare an article on this somewhat important affair, but being unable to mention the names of some of the principal exhibitors until we received the prize list, which was sent to the *Advertiser* office, we have been induced to copy, along with the prize, also the remarks given in that paper:

The show of Island Manufactures and Productions, at the Tumperon Hall, on Wednesday last, we consider by the best that has ever been made in the Colony. The limited space offered, prevented the contributions being exhibited to the best advantage.

The specimens of the hand-work of our farmers wives and daughters, consisting of Woollen and Linen Cloth, Shawls, Bath Rugs, &c., were excellent, and afforded proof that there may be produced on the Island, of very superior quality, many of those articles which are now imported from Great Britain. The Home-spun and Flannel manufactured in the Country are far more durable than any we import. These articles might be extensively manufactured, and there is no good reason why they should not constitute a very valuable export. We are aware that in England a ready market may be found for as many yards of Home-spun as can be supplied.

The samples of Wheat, Oats, and Barley, were, in our opinion, equal in quality to what we have seen on former occasions. The Horticultural productions were such as we believe no other Country in North America could produce. Cauliflower, Cabbages and Pumpkins were to be seen of colossal dimensions—several of the latter weighing upwards of 1 cwt.—and Cabbage, Celery, Root-Rap, Parsnips and Carrots, well grown, and of extraordinary size.

The display of Apples was limited, there were however, several very excellent varieties. Mr. Bow exhibited several bushels of fine Grapes.

Cat-tail and bay-leaves were contributed by Mr. Elizur Weatherby, of Lot 49, they were neatly finished. The same horticultural society exhibited an improved reaping and threshing machine; the style of machinery displayed on the horticultural stand was very good, and we were pleased to hear gentlemen, who we believe to be competent judges, and who had witnessed its operations, pronounced it equal to anything of the kind exhibited in the United States.

The troops remaining on shore made a desperate resistance, and it is believed that the enemy took comparatively few prisoners in consequence. Those who could swim plunged into the water, those carrying their arms who could, and others throwing them into the river to prevent their falling into the hands of the rebels. Some escaped to the mainland, others of the darkness and the heavily wooded banks, but several are known to have been drowned in the water of the Potomac.

The behavior of our troops before a superior number of the enemy was marked by noble, brave and enduring. Near the close of the action, and after the day was considered as irretrievably lost, the two recently arrived regiments, the 15th Massachusetts and the 1st Vermont, came to the rescue, and so nobly did they do their duty, that the command developed upon him that the order to retreat was a mistake for one of our commanders, who appeared in front and gave the order to change.

The brave Lieut. Brannell of the New York ninth battery, was one of the gallant and most wounded officers who fell in the battle. The valiant Lieut. Moore of the heavy artillery, died with his own hands four shots after the day was lost and his men scattered. He was shot in the left breast and side, but not mortally wounded. He reached the island by throwing his sword and revolver into the river, and swimming across.

Col. Devens, the commanding officer of the 1st Vermont, was severely wounded by a bullet through the heart, but recovered. This force was subsequently augmented by the arrival there of other companies from the Maryland shore, under Col. Hale of the 15th Massachusetts. Col. Devens received a slight contusion in the breast from a bullet.

Col. Lee of the Massachusetts 20th, and Col. Goggin of the Thirteenth regiments, are probably prisoners. Lieut. Col. Goss of the Calvary in regiment, is supposed to be severely wounded.

An instance of the weight and concentration of the enemy's fire, the clothing and equipments of Quartermaster Howe of the Fifteenth Massachusetts bore the marks of four distinct shot holes passing through the sleeve of his cap, and another fastening on the plate of his belt, yet he remained unscathed. Most of the wounded have been returned to their respective commands hospitals.

The enemy's force was very large, their positions were well selected from their familiar knowledge of the country. There is at present no means of ascertaining the exact loss, but it must have been immense, as our five pieces of artillery were moved with courage and terrific effect.

It is proper to state in connection with the foregoing, that Gen. Scott's orders to Gen. Baker were to advance a brigade, including a battery, to the support of Col. Devens, and to attack the enemy in force only in case of a successful assault on the inferior numbers, and of his ability to do so. But, as the rebels had retreated, and the attack was discontinued, the order was given to withdraw the battery and his sorrowing parents keenly feel their hard bereavement.

The following are the Awards of the Judges:

GRAN'S, etc.

BEST WHEAT. 1 10 0 Blizard Woollen, Boston.
Best Barley. 1 10 0 Pugot, Bayley, Lot 49.
Second do. 1 10 0 Fink, Woollen, Boston.
Best flour-barley. 1 10 0 Wm. McNeil, Boston.
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Best oats. 1 10 0 Wm. McNeil, Boston.
Best black oats. 1 10 0 John McNeil.
Second do. 1 10 0 Lammel Woods.
Best sample of Red Clover, and less than 20 lbs. 1 10 0 William Moore, Crapaud.
Best sample of Timothy. 1 0 0 John Lamont, Lot 24.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

For the best sample of Island Wool, spun wool, and dyed in the Island. 2 10 0 Neil Campbell, St. John's.

For the best ten yards of wool, grey homespun, milled and dyed. 1 10 0 Mrs. Alexander Stevens, St. Peter's Road.

Best milled, dyed, and finished. 1 10 0 Richard Dagnall, St. John's.

Do. fancy mixture. 1 10 0 William Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Shapero's Field. 1 10 0 Wm. Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Twill'd Flannel. 1 10 0 John Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Best Linen. 1 10 0 Wm. Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Best Linen Thread. 1 10 0 Wm. Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Best silk. 1 10 0 James Laird, New Glasgow.

Best pair of Hoses ready for sale. 1 10 0 Richard Dagnall, St. John's.

Do. pair of thick Irish Woollen Stockings, for Overalls, &c. 1 10 0 Richard Dagnall, St. John's.

Do. 2 pairs Woollen Stock. 5 0 H. T. T. Campbell, St. John's.

Gloves. 5 0 H. D. McNeilson, Lot 49.

Do. Mittens. 5 0 H. D. McNeilson.

Do. Linen Table Cloth. 10 0 Wm. Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. air-dried Linen Towelling. 10 0 Wm. Scott, St. Peter's Road.

Do. Linen Towelling, half bound. 5 0 No competition.

Wooden Shovel. 2 0 No competition.

Do. Hoe. 5 0 E. Weatherby.

Do. 10 ft. pair of Carpets. 1 0 0 Mrs. John McDonald.

Do. 10 yards of checked Flannel for Shirts. 1 10 0 Miss Hale.

Do. old Shirts, new all wool or half wool. 6. 00 no competition.

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Gloves. 5 0 H. D. McNeilson.

Do. Flax. 5 0 H. D. McNeilson.

Do. Dung Cloth, four prongs. 4 0 James Devine.

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