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The Annual Fall Show of the Amherst Island Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, October 17th.

Nearly all the residents of the tight little island gathered in the village.

The exhibition of stock was held in a large field, and close by, in the drive house of the secretary, W, H. Montray, were shown grain, roots, fruits, etc.

The horses, especially roadsters, were fine animals. Of the single drivers those of J. S. Neilson and Mr. Glen are especially deserving of mention, while the teams of Chas. Howard and John Henderson were far above the average at most township shows.

Wm. Marshall showed a fine general purpose team, as did also J.C. Howard.

A five yearling was shown by Daniel Wemp, and a sucking colt. owned by D. H. Preston, was much admired.

In cattle, the show was not large, but the animals were mainly of superior grade.

In this class John Marshall was a large exhibitor and prize-winner, as was also Major Patterson.

In sheep Messrs. Robert and N. Patterson were the leading exhibitors,

though Charles Howard was not at all behind in quality.

The show of swine and poultry was up to the average, while in roots and grain there was an excellent exhibit.

Some fine horse-shoes, hasps and binges were shown by the island blacksmiths, Messieurs Sidney Pringle and John Brown, which shows these useful tradesmen to be up to the times.

The ladies' department filled the town hall, and to say that the display was of a high order is but faint praise. The exhibition on the whole showed a commendable improvement over its predecessors, which indicates that the residents of the land are keeping pace with the times.