

husking corn, which does its work neatly and expeditiously, and would effect a great saving of labor where much of that crop is grown. It is worked by hand and only costs three and a half dollars.

In the two "Mechanics' Halls" may be seen every variety of machinery and manufacture from steam engine and printing presses to the smallest articles. The exhibition in this department is much more extensive than we ever have in Canada, and would well repay an attentive examination, but I have no time to report upon particular articles.

In the "Domestic Hall" were exhibited all sorts of small manufactures, including pickles, sauces, groceries, specimens of bookbinding, ladies' work, harness, upholstery, cabinet work, saddlery, trunks, carpeting, turning in wood, &c., &c., in endless variety. I noticed in this department, a less number of the elegant and fancy articles contributed by the ladies, such as crochet work, embroidery, netting, needlework, &c., than we usually see at our own exhibitions.

To summarize the comparison between ourselves and our neighbors, I should say we must improve a good deal before we can equal them in our horses, Durham and Devon cattle, fine woolled sheep, implements, machinery, manufactures generally and dairy products, at least in cheese; while in our Ayrshire cattle, we are at least on a par with them; in long woolled sheep, pigs, grain and roots, the latter especially, we excel them. In implements, some particular sorts of ours are perhaps better than theirs; their ploughs, for instance, would not be fancied by many of our farmers, and certainly do not do nearly so neat looking work as our own, but they excel us greatly in the variety and quantity of the implements displayed.

In one respect our neighbors greatly excel us, and that is in the concourse of people who flock to the grounds. This is partly attributable to their greater population, and partly to their greater propensity for sight-seeing. On the greatest day, Thursday, with the grounds and buildings completely thronged in every part, by thousands upon thousands of restless spectators, machinery and implements of every sort in perpetual motion, horses showing their paces in the ring, the steam plough, or rather the motive engine without the plough, perambulating the ground in all directions, a dozen church bells on exhibition of from 3,000 lbs. weight and downwards, continually sending forth their sweet sound, there was presented to the eye and ear, one of the most indescribable scenes of din, bustle, hubbub and confusion which can well be imagined.

To-day, Friday, I leave early, but I do not doubt that the attendance will be again large, and the receipts are certain to exceed \$20,000, which is several thousand more than on any former occasion.

A ploughing match takes place to-day in a field adjoining the grounds, but being obliged, as I have above stated, to leave early, I could not spare the time to examine the work. I could easily see however, at a glance, that it was not of that clean, smooth character, which we see done in Canada, the style of plough used here not admitting of it, although perhaps it may be argued that the work they do is really as useful for practical purposes.

STATE FAIRS.

We select the following brief notice of the exhibitions held this autumn by the Agricultural Societies of the various adjoining States from the condensed report given by the *Genesee Farmer* :—

UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

The Fair of the United States Agricultural Society was held at Chicago, Illinois, September 12—17. The weather was unexceptionable, and the many railroads centering in Chicago were tasked to their utmost capacity to carry to and fro the immense concourse of visitors that kept pouring in day and night from all the surrounding region. The receipts amounted to over \$33,000. The fair was inaugurated by a speech from President Tighman, followed by speeches from Senators Crittenden and Douglass. After the speeches, a grand procession around the ring, of the horses and cattle, enabled one to see at a glance all the animals in those classes on exhibition.

The entries of articles numbered 2,552, viz: horses, 234; cattle, 210; sheep, 171; swine, 44; poultry, 57; farm and garden-products, 229; horticultural and household,