

ada is not, and cannot become, a manufacturing, but must always remain an agricultural country. Any thinking and intelligent observer, however, who took time to note the products of our factories at the Exhibition, would be compelled to acknowledge that if Canada is not destined to become a great manufacturing nation, she is in a fair way to manufacture most of the goods needed for her own use.

In some departments, notably carriages, agricultural implements, machinery, hardware, products of petroleum, woollens, leather, etc., the exhibits of our manufacturers might fairly challenge the world to a fair comparison either in quality, style or finish.

While all the exhibits were highly interesting, space will only allow us to mention a few of the leading lines in the special manufactures we represent.

#### THE HARDWARE EXHIBIT.

In this department, not only was the display large but the exhibits were as a rule of a very high order of merit. In the article of *Saws* particularly, the exhibit was one that could not be surpassed by the manufacturers of any country, and great praise is due to the exhibitors for the expense they incurred in order to place their goods before the public in a tangible and pleasing form, so as to give them an adequate conception of the importance of this industry. The exhibitors were John Robertson & Co., Toronto; R. H. Smith & Co., St. Catharines; and Shurley & Deitrich, of Galt. The exhibits of these firms were all so finely finished that the judges were unable, unless by actually testing the temper, to decide which was entitled to the highest honors, therefore no award was given for these goods.

James Warnock & Co., Galt, shewed a very fine collection of *Edge Tools* of all kinds, also *Picks Shovels*, etc., all of superior, workmanship and finish. Mr. Warnock also exhibited a good assortment of *Chopping and other Axes*, as also did the "Dundas Tool Company," of Dundas.

The manufacture of *Files* (a new industry for Canada) was well represented by Thomas Graham and Caleb Howard, both of Toronto. The finish of these goods was excellent, and if the temper is good, they deserve the attention and consideration of our hardware trade.

*Lead Pipe, Shot and Babbit Metal* were well represented by A. J. Somerville and John Robertson & Co., of Toronto.

Peck, Benny & Co., of Montreal, shewed a very fine collection of cut and pressed *Nails*, also *Horse Shoe Nails, Horse Shoes*, etc.

The Electric and Hardware Manufacturing Company, of Toronto, had a very creditable display of *Plated Flatware, Electric Hardware, Furniture Castors*, etc.

In the article of *Scales*, the exhibit was very large and the competition keen; the exhibitors being E. & C. Gurney, C. Wilson & Son, and E. Goff & Co., all of Toronto.

Although there was only one exhibitor of *Safes*, J. J. Taylor, of Toronto, the display was a very fine one and was very much admired.

Booth & Son, of Toronto, made a very fine exhibit of *Brass and spun Copper work* of all kinds.

W. Millichamp was the only exhibitor of *Show Cases*, but he surpassed all his previous efforts in this direction, both in variety and excellence.

W. M. Cooper, Toronto, exhibited a superb collection of muzzle and breech-loading *Rifles and Guns*, from the celebrated factories of Greener, Scott and Gibson, of England.

Manning & Bowman, of Meriden, shewed a fine display of *Granite Ware*, both common for ordinary kitchen use, and with beautifully nickel-plated trimmings for table use.

#### THE JEWELRY EXHIBIT.

In this department, the exhibit, although confined to a very few entries, reflected the very highest credit upon the manufacturers, and proved conclusively that we have in Canada skilled labor capable of turning out Gold and Silver-smith's work of the finest quality. It was to be regretted that more of our manufacturers did not avail themselves of this Exhibition to let the trade know that they are in the market, but as it is the intention of the Association to offer a large list of prizes for this branch of manufacture at their next competition, we hope that this branch of industry will be fully represented.

P. W. Ellis & Co., of Toronto, exhibited a very fine assortment of jewelry, consisting of chains, necklets, suites, lockets, rings etc. The finish of these goods was unusually good, and they compared very favorably with the best imported goods of a similar kind.

Arms & Quigley, of Toronto, shewed a very creditable assortment of gold and silver watch cases of their own manufacture. The collection, which embraced

both key and stem winders, presented a very handsome appearance, and reflected great credit on the Canadian pioneers of this industry.

Thos. Russell & Son, of Liverpool, shewed a large assortment of gold and silver watches, both in key and stem winders.

### Correspondence.

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#### DISHONEST ADVERTISING.

Editor TRADER,

DEAR SIR,—I would like to direct your attention and that of my fellow traders to a kind of advertising that is being employed by some of the wholesale jewellers in Canada to force the dealers to handle their goods by making the *public* believe that they are better than any other goods, and that none are good except they bear a particular stamp, and that too of people that we all know are not manufacturers at all, but only buy from manufacturers. Here is a specimen which I cut from the *Globe* last fall. "To give the assurance to dealers and wearers that they are getting bright Gold that will assay to the value of Pure Gold, we stamp the swivels of all our chains R. W. & Co., and guarantee all such to be of superior finish and quality." Every one knows that pure gold is 24 carat fine, and that if this advertisement be true these chains should be 12 carat fine; but, as a matter of fact they do not run full 9 carat. In my estimation this is not only deceiving the public, but an attempt to make us retail jewellers a party to the fraud, and should be frowned down by the trade. If such advertising is not dishonest, it comes so close that I, for one, fail to see any difference. What is your opinion, N. Editor?

Yours truly,

JEWELLER.

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