

CANADA AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

We had intended to give in this number a condensed account of the Canadian Department, and the prizes won at the Paris Exhibition; but we found the statements of correspondents so obviously incorrect, and unintelligible; and as the prizes are not yet officially declared; we concluded to postpone the subject until our next issue.

The Canadian Plough is said to have done well; and will take the second prize—Howard's English Plough taking the first. In the Geological department Canada takes a gold medal—a prize of the first class. Canada has also, if we may credit the statements of correspondents, taken the first prize for wheat. The sample was grown by Captain Shaw, whose farm lies adjacent to this city; and as we learn, Spring Wheat! It exceeded all other samples in weight, being over 65 lbs. to the bushel. The following is given as the result of the weighing test by the correspondent of a Montreal paper:—

	KILOGRAMMES.
1 Grown by Alex. Shaw, Toronto,	83.920
2 " in Australia,	83.010
3 " " Spain,	82.300
4 " by Mr. Coffin, in Gaspé, C. E.	82.162
5 " in Greece,	82.100
6 " " Portugal,	81.900
7 " " Algeria,	81.800
8 " by Rev. Mr. Villeneuve, Montreal,	80.810
9 " " Dr Tache, Rimouski,	79.740
10 " " Canada Company's prize,	77.200

The wheat sent by the Canada Company was poor—weighing less than any other. It is well we were not left to their selection, or we should have stood at the bottom, instead of the top of the list.

The following notice of the Canadian department is from the "official" paper:—

(From the *Paris Moniteur*, 3rd August.)

Canada figures admirably at the Exhibition, and its products, and its specimen of grains, fruits, flour of all kinds, attract general attention. The care which the Commissioners and delegates from Canada have displayed, has merited the just eulogiums which have been addressed to them several times by Prince Napoleon.

BIRDS AND INSECTS.

WILSON FLAGG, in a late number of Hovey's Magazine, makes five classes of insects, and as many of birds, acting as natural checks upon the increase of insects.

The swallows are the natural enemies of the swarming insect, living almost entirely upon them, taking their food upon the wing. The common martin devours great quantities of wasps, beetles and goldsmiths. A single bird will devour five thousand

butterflies in a week. The moral of this is, that the husbandman should cultivate the society of swallows and martins about his land and outbuildings.

The sparrow and wrens feed upon the crawling insects that lurk within the buds, foliage and flowers of plants. The wrens are pugnacious, and a little box in a cherry tree will soon be appropriated by them, and they will drive away other birds that feed upon the fruit, a hint that cherry growers should remember in the spring and act upon.

The thrushes, blue-birds, jays and crows prey upon butterflies, grasshoppers, crickets, locusts and the larger beetles. A single family of jays will consume 20 000 of these in a season of three months.

The wood peckers are armed with a stout, long bill, to penetrate the wood of trees where the borers deposit their larvæ. They live almost entirely upon these worms.

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Toronto Nurseries.

Toronto, August, 1855.

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Woodstock, Ju y 18th, 1855.

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