

diat neighborhood. Here and there in the natural succession of plants, you may find the majestic maple tree, striking its roots through the decayed stump of an old pine, which, having reared its head aloft for centuries, at last gave place to the germ of a more vigorous rival. This inexorable law is strikingly manifested in many parts of the Province. One entire tract to the east of the city,—known as the Pine Ridges, is now covered with a race of hardy oaks; and in many other places where the maple and the beech and the elm give indications of a particular character of soil, a little investigation will show, in the massive stumps, which here and there stand as mementos of the past, that a few generations back the floral character of these localities must have been very materially different from what it is now.

Apart from the instinctive preference which some minds have for the prosecution of the study of the Flora of the country in which they reside, no extraneous cause has operated so happily to turn the attention of professional men to this study, as the Annual Provincial and Horticultural Exhibitions, which have for several years past been held here. We have had at these exhibitions large collections of native plants arranged and classified, and also polished specimens of the various kinds of wood to be found in our forests. The Trophy sent to the Paris Exhibition, was perhaps the most complete collection of specimens which has yet been made. It was, however, a collection from all parts of the province, and consequently contained many specimens not to be found in the immediate neighborhood of Toronto. The black walnut, (*Juglans nigra*), for example, a very useful and valuable wood for cabinet making purposes, and used extensively in JACQUES & HAY'S establishment, although found very plentifully in the western part of the province, is not to be met with here. The following trees, the names of which are given alphabetically for more easy reference, are to be found in our immediate neighborhood, and all indigenous to the soil :

ARBORES.	TREES.
<i>Abies alba</i>	White Spruce.
“ <i>balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir.
“ <i>Canadensis</i>	Hemlock Spruce.
<i>Acer dasycarpum</i>	White Maple.
“ <i>Pennsylvanicum</i>	Striped Maple.
“ <i>rubrum</i>	Red or Swamp Maple.
“ <i>spicatum</i>	Mountain Maple.
“ <i>saccharinum</i>	Sugar Maple.

The Rock Maple, Curled Maple, and Bird's-eye Maple, which are