

the Board of Arts for the holding of the approaching Exhibition, this Board accepts the offers of the Corporation of Quebec for holding there a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition on the occasion of the visit of the Prince Royal.

**TORNADO.**—A fearful tornado swept over portions of the township of King and Whitechurch on the 25th May last, demolishing or greatly damaging a large number of dwelling houses, barns and other farm buildings; also doing great injury to the timbered lands. Mr. St. George, residing in Whitechurch, sustained damages to his buildings estimated at \$2500. A very destructive tornado took place in the Western States about the same time, causing great loss of life, and damage to property. It is somewhat singular that these terrific bursts of wind have occurred for several years at about the same date.

**EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.**—The great French National Agricultural Exhibition will be held this year in Paris, June 17th to 23d. The Royal Agricultural Society of England, at Canterbury, July 9th to 12th. The Royal Agricultural Improvement Society of Ireland, at Cork, July 25th to 27th. The Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, at Dumfries, August 1st to 3rd.

### Horticultural.

The Horticultural Societies have opened their Exhibition season very successfully this year. The Hamilton Society held their show on the Queen's Birthday. It was a benefit exhibition, intended to relieve the Society from some financial encumbrances, the prizes being mere honorary awards. The gardeners and amateurs contributed of their products very spiritedly, to make up the show, and as the public patronized it liberally, there was quite a handsome amount realized, which will assist the Society materially in their operations. The show was particularly strong in fuchsias and geraniums, some of the former being of the extraordinary height of fourteen feet, covered with flowers from base to summit, and some of the latter four feet through, so trained as completely to conceal the pots, and presenting a magnificent mass of foliage and flowers. There

was a good general show, although not a very great variety, of other sorts of flowers, and considering the earliness of the season a fair display of vegetables. In Toronto, on the 7th inst., the general display was better than ever before at the Spring show, particularly in flowers. Although particular specimens of fuchsias or geraniums were not so imposing as at Hamilton, there was a greater variety and a larger number of rare plants. The specimens of fuchsias, geraniums and hybrid perpetual roses were numerous and very fine, and there was a good collection of hardy flowering shrubs. The show of vegetables and fruit was good for the season but not very large. There were a few specimens of winter apples, good of the kind, but not well kept. The exhibitors might with advantage take a hint from some of the fruit stalls in our streets, where we can any day buy apples in a much better state of preservation. We must, however make allowance for the very bad fall season of last year; otherwise no doubt the exhibition would have been much larger and better in this respect. Some remarks were made by speakers at the Toronto show which we cordially endorse, to the effect that farmers would derive much benefit from a greatly increased attention to the study and practice of horticulture in addition to their agricultural operations. Nothing would do more to soften and render agreeable the too often somewhat hard and unattractive surroundings of the farm house.

We confine our memoranda this number chiefly to the Flower and Ornamental department of the garden. The *Garden Monthly*, published at Philadelphia Thos. Meehan, gives us the following leading hints:—

"June, the month of Roses, has arrived, the preparations of the past months ought to be now bearing their vest of enjoyment to the proprietor. to return to the Rose—the queen, or empress, or rather the most perfect; true woman of all flowers—no care