

tory of the past, however, bids us hope for the future.

This department of the Exhibition was most materially assisted by several exhibitors from the United States—a country proverbially rich in mechanical expedients and ingenuity. Our space will not allow us to particularize, but we cannot omit to notice the extensive collection of Messrs. Rapalge & Briggs of Rochester; Emery & Co. of Albany had some excellent articles, and the collection of scales manufactured by Messrs. Forsyth & Co. were highly spoken of. There were 4 horse power Threshing Machines and Separators exhibited in the Foreign class, by different makers: that manufactured by B. O. Paige & Co., of Montreal, obtained the Premium; it is a most efficient machine, requiring a comparatively small amount of motive power. It was entered in the manufacturers' name by their agents, Messrs. Brothers & Co., of Hamilton.

Of the Floral Hall it may be observed that it appeared the most popular and attractive part of the Exhibition. There was one continued throng passing through it the whole of Thursday. The Ladies' work was rich and beautiful, and several of the paintings possessed no ordinary merit. The names of the successful candidates will be a clue to these—Paul Kane, Hopner Meyer, G. F. Price, &c., &c. The province of the fine arts lies, we confess, wholly beyond our latitude, and therefore we shall abstain from all particulars. We were much impressed, however, with the striking truthfulness to nature of several specimens of animals drawn in chalk, for which a diploma and discretionary premiums were awarded; these received from the "initiated" the highest meed of praise. They are the production of Mr. Carpendale, a young artist recently from England, who is evidently rising in his profession. We were glad to learn that the Committee had engaged Mr. Carpendale to sketch some of the prize animals, and also Mr. Price to make a drawing of the show-ground, for insertion in the *Illustrated London News*. Fruit and Horticultural products were not so numerous as we expected to find in this favored district, which we have heard designated *the garden of Canada*. We are much indebted for the filling up of this department to Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry, and Messrs. Bissell and Hooker, of Rochester, N. Y., who contributed some very fine specimens of fruit and flowers. The Floral Hall, however, with its various adornments in nature and art, was truly a delightful sight, and we state the simple truth when we say that the Society is deeply indebted to the ladies of Niagara for their contributions and personal superintendence; and to Dr. Melville,

whose highly educated taste designed the decorations, and whose untiring exertions were cheerfully bestowed in rendering this department of the exhibition so eminently pleasing and attractive.

We have space but for a bare allusion to the numerous articles in the various departments of the Exhibition, several of which were of a high order of merit. Mr. Sheriff Ruttan's Ventilating Stove for public and private buildings, deserves a distinct notice from its universal application to the wants of the country, promoting the health, comfort and economy of every man's home.

In consequence of the lamented death of the President, John Wetenhall, Esq., the duties of that office devolved upon, and were ably performed by J. B. Marks, Esq., the senior Vice President; whose interesting and well timed address will be found on a subsequent page, as will also the proceedings of the dinner.

On Friday, the last day of the Show, the number of visitors was considerable, about 3000 single admission tickets were sold. The Treasurer commenced paying premiums, and the annual meeting of the Officers of Delegates was held in the Committee room on the ground; the particulars will be found in the present number. Brockville was decided as the place for holding the next Exhibition, and we trust that the people of that section will throw all their energies and resources into the work. Surely it would be beneficial to throw open the Society to the whole Province, and invite our fellow subjects in Lower Canada to become members, and also competitors, in our own classes. We throw out this hint for the consideration of the Directors. We may just mention that at the meeting of Delegates a strong feeling was manifested towards having the next Exhibition at London; and when the steady and liberal support which the Association has received from several of the Societies in the West, is considered, together with the increasing resources and rapid settlement of that fertile and extensive section of country, there can be no doubt but the Provincial Association will ere long pay it the compliment of a visit.

In drawing to a close these necessarily imperfect notices of the recent exhibition, we may just remark that experience has already shown the benefit of restricting the number of the Local Committee. That body at Niagara consisted of only some ten or a dozen individuals, who managed to work together in the most harmonious and energetic manner; a fact to which must be attributed no small share of the very successful working and results of the show. Where each has done his duty so well it would appear