

been no difficulty in securing for them plenty of purchasers. These have been presented to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

In Class 22—Iron and General Hardware—Messrs. W. S. Symonds & Co. are awarded a medal “for Stoves manufactured of Acadia with a proportion of Scotch Iron.” The cooking stove was apparently interesting to visitors as an illustration of our kitchen furnishing and operations, and it was acknowledged that we had rather convenient ways of doing things. They appeared to think that we had plenty to cook, and that we knew how to cook it comfortably and conveniently.

In Classes 28 and 29, Mr. Andrew Downs receives a medal “for excellence in stuffing and mounting a collection of Native Birds.” This is just what every one here and elsewhere would expect, his birds are always so beautiful and life-like. I was sometimes asked if they were hatching. The summer duck is always an object of admiration. It was most amusing to witness the incredulity displayed regarding the inmates of one of the cases. They were maintained to be merely specimens of stuffing—the birds being regarded as tropical; and how we could have birds of so rich plumage, and humming birds in such a cold and foggy country as they conceived ours to be, they could not understand. I was obliged to assure them most solemnly that humming birds could be seen very frequently in our gardens, and that the nest in the case beside those exhibited was a veritable Nova Scotia production. In the same classes, Mary Thomas was awarded a medal “for a collection of fancy articles of Indian workmanship.” I had not entered these articles in the official catalogue of the Exhibition, as I regarded them rather as curiosities than otherwise. Two Juries were taken with their beauty, and wished to mark their appreciation of the industry and skill displayed in their manufacture. I therefore accredited them to Mary Thomas, the old mother of the family by which they were produced.

In the same class, Miss Kate McDougall receives an honorable mention “for Painted Fancy Work.” This was prized on account of the execution and the illustrative character of the work. It was from the contribution of these two exhibitors that the beautiful and acceptable memento of Lady Wodehouse’s visit to our Court was selected.

In Class 30—Photography—the Jury awarded to Messrs. Chambers, O’Donnell, and Parish honorable mention “for good mani-