

home requirements in this line being supplied from abroad, at greater expense, whilst the product is of less practicability, when it is subjected to the detrimental influences of heating and drying during its passage.

No articles require more careful selection by architects and builders than those two articles of Cement and Lime, for on them depend the strength and durability of the superstructure. There is no place in Canada more favorably situated than here. The works of Mr. Wright, which we visited, far surpasses in the completeness of its equipment, anything of the kind witnessed on this continent, and covers an area of over two acres of ground. The mill is equipped with all the newest improved machinery and plant, and is run by a new engine of 25 horsepower, whilst a fine warehouse is connected with the manufacturing departments by means of a tramway, on which the cement is conveyed to the warehouse, the great feature of commendation in this department being its perfect freedom from damp. The works are admirably located for manufacturing purposes on the banks of the Ottawa river from whence the cement is shipped to all parts, whilst even those shipping facilities will be increased when the expected depot of the North Shore Railway shall be erected near here. The kilns are very extensive, being 60 feet deep, and the entire capacity of the works are equal to the largest demands, the ordinary supply being 100 bbls per day, and we noticed some fifteen hundred bbls of this fine cement now stored in the warehouse ready for delivery. Mr. C. B. Wright's property for the production of these articles, and the great care exercised in their production, united to the thorough practical knowledge of Mr. Wright, have enabled him to produce and offer for sale Cement and Lime of a very superior quality which is in great demand in all parts of the Dominion. We refer our readers for price list and full particulars to the proprietor, Mr. C. B. Wright, Hull, Quebec.

#### MARBLE, GRANITE AND SANDSTONE MONUMENTS AND MANTLES.

The extreme beauty of marble and granite as a production, and as one of rare adaptability to the workman's skill, has dotted the country over with workshops devoted to its manufacture, and year by year, the class of work turned out is bringing this department of industrial enterprise still closer to that standard which equals the product of the sculptor's studio, and deserves to be classed a fine art. In Ottawa we find this interest well developed and represented by different houses, each of which in their own specialties produce an exceedingly fine class of work. The manufacture of monuments, tombs, statuary, altars, as well as that of mantles, is now carried on in this country almost as extensively as in Europe. Among the important firms in Ottawa who make an extensive show in this line, the latest addition is that of Messrs. Wall & Taylor, who deal in and manufacture granite, marble and sandstone monuments, headstones, tombs, etc., mantles, cabinet and plumbers marbles, and which firm also make a specialty of cemetery fenceings, in which latter department their facilities, through means of their direct relations with the manufacturer, enable them to execute orders to great advantage. A large, artistic and chaste assortment of designs are on display at their office and works, corner Nicholas and St. Paul sts., this city, where estimates are furnished and full information and particulars are given by the business manager Mr. P. A. Taylor, this gentleman is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business, and having at his command one of the best staffs of workmen in the country is prepared to guarantee satisfaction. Parties who contemplate having work of this description executed either in the city, or at a distance will find this gentleman's experience and advice to be of service, as in having tombstones and monuments executed the mere mechanical department of the work, however important may be its quality, gives place to many other important considera-

tions of judgment which cannot be overlooked or under estimated. Some magnificent workmanship is turned out of these works, and the prices and terms will be found very low. We recommend this firm to the notice of those whom duty and reverence are always prompting to the erection of monuments and other adornments in memory of those who have gone before us.

#### THE VARIETY HALL.

A BOON TO WOULD-BE HOUSEKEEPERS.

*House-furnishing Warerooms, 532 and 534 Sussex street.*

The division of labour system to which we have alluded in such flattering encomiums, would not be practicable in all cases, that is, in order to contribute as far as possible to the comfort and completeness of the requirements of the public, and the complete furnishing of a house in all its details by a trader, is a task which necessitates the exception. Ottawa in this direction enjoys an advantage which is looked for in vain in many other and larger cities, and for the enterprise her citizens are indebted to one of her prominent citizens and man of business, Mr. Joseph Boyden, whose establishment, known as Variety Hall, at 532 and 534 Sussex street, is a familiar byword to all those who are acquainted with Ottawa's noted places of business. At this store, which is one of the finest we have seen in the Dominion, being four stories and basement in height, is displayed an immense stock of all the requisites necessary for the equipment of those who contemplate housekeeping, in styles and prices to suit the humble parlour of the cottier, and ranging in value from the cheapest, though no less substantial grades, to furnishings of every description, from the most minute household utensils to the carpeting, upholstering and furniture suited to the palatial edifice of a millionaire. At the warehouses of Mr. Joseph Boyden all can be found, and the great advantage which he presents to those desirous of equipping a house with all that is required, and that to which we wish particularly to call the attention of our readers, is that he undertakes the entire furnishing of the homestead, and furnishes out of the vast stock of new goods on hand all that is wanted, without a single omission, and by his long experience he knows exactly what is most suitable, both in style, quality and with regard to cost; and in order to further this improved system of committing orders for household outfits into the hands of one dealer, he makes liberal arrangements with those who cannot pay down all cash, taking the balances out in easy instalments. Much credit is due him for the material encouragement he thus gives to those who would, by thrift and economy, acquire an independent home of their own. Buyers requiring detached pieces of household goods of any description are sure to find them here, including china, glass, earthenware, mirrors, toilet and other looking glasses, stoves, hair and straw mattresses, and a splendid stock of walnut and other furniture. The utmost system and order prevails the different apartments of this vast collection of fine goods, and a visit is necessary in order to conceive the full extent of the stock of this house. Some idea may be formed when we state that the floors are fully 100 by 50 feet, and during our cursory visit we hastily located the various departments as follows: 1st floor, china, glassware and fancy goods in endless variety, comprising all the newest and most elegant patterns, also walnut and hardwood furniture, and bedroom sets in all styles and at all prices; on the second floor we noticed a very large display of dining room furniture and parlor sets; whilst on the third floor is stored a very large stock of plainer but no less substantial furniture at surprisingly low prices; and the fourth and last floor of this large house furnishing emporium is devoted to the storage and display of mattresses and bedding. In the rear of this building is the warehouse, in which is a heavy stock of stoves and iron bedsteads. Taken altogether, we were perfectly surprised

to find such an unusually extensive establishment here, and conclude that there is nothing in the line which cannot be bought here to equal advantage as at any other house in the dominion.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND LADIES' SCHOOL, OTTAWA.

Nothing tends to elevate a nation more than the thorough education of its people, and the most highly cultivated countries are those in which the women are treated with the respect due their sex. Yet many of our most sensible people seem to fancy that if the boys are thoroughly well educated, or in some cases treated to a College course, they have done their duty, and the girls are sent to an academy to learn there a smattering of English and French, with a limited knowledge of spelling and a more limited one of arithmetic. But this is not the proper course to pursue, as many girls who are reared in the lap of luxury find to their cost that riches take to themselves wings and fly away, and on the death of their father they are utterly unable to make a living in any way. Not taught composition thoroughly, they cannot write a reliable article; with the capacity only to strum over a jig on the piano, they cannot attempt the teaching of music, and finally the extent of their bread-winning capacity dwindles down to the poorly-paid-for sewing, or fancy work for a Berlin wool store. How different the duties of the well-educated woman, one who has gone to the bottom depths of each subject, and obtained a complete mastery over it. No reverse of fortune staggers her, for well she knows that she carries with her a knowledge which will command respect wherever she may be, and also command what she needs most of all now, a good salary. As a teacher of music, her terms are paid willingly, for it is known that she is skilled in the art, and can impart her skill to her pupils. She is also in demand as a teacher of French, German and Italian, and her only trouble is to make the day sufficiently long to enable her to fill her many engagements with satisfaction to herself and pupils. In the leisure of the evenings, she can write out a few pages of manuscript, or translate some popular foreign article, and thus amuse herself, and at the same time add to her constantly increasing balance in the Post Office Savings Bank. This is no fancy sketch. We can point to several ladies in our community who might be taken as models for this sketch, should we require such a thing. We fancy we hear a parent ask: "Are schools to be found in the Dominion capable of educating a woman such as we describe, or do we refer to those of England, France and Germany?" Our reply is, that such schools exist in Canada, and none can surpass the Church of England Ladies' School, which is pleasantly located on Wellington street, this city, and the principal of which institution is Miss Clegg, who, by virtue of the thorough course through which she herself passed previous to assuming the management of this educational establishment, and which includes all the branches requisite to the thorough education of a lady, is eminently qualified to impart to others, in a practical as well as a theoretical sense, all the accomplishments necessary to enable a lady to assume the highest position in society, or if need be, make her competent in a manner becoming a lady to support herself.

The fee for board and tuition, including all the extra branches, such as the modern languages, music, dancing and drawing, is only \$250 per annum, which is very low, considering the many advantages enjoyed by the pupils of this establishment, and we might here mention that French is the language of the school. Application should be made for catalogues and full information, which will be promptly forwarded to any address free.

The Louisiana sugar crop has been very much improved by recent heavy rain-falls.