

before referred to, will indicate the several extra prizes in this class.

On the productions of the various artists in the fine arts, professional and amateur, we shall say but little. Year by year, through the improved taste of the country, and better arrangement of the prize list, this department is progressing and becoming more and more important. We congratulate the country on the fact, as we cannot hope to excel in the higher branches of manufactures, only as the people become educated in true art. W. N. Cresswell, of Seaforth; D. Fowler, of Amherst Island, Robt. Whale, of Burford, and a few other artists, have contributed largely, year by year, to the success of this department of the Exhibition, and to the improvement of the taste of visitors. We refer for awards of prizes to the list published.

In the grocery and provision class some good articles were shown, but nothing claiming special remark, except the hermetically sealed cans of fruits, vegetables and grains, by W. W. Kitchen, of Grimsby. Mr. K. informed us that his establishment was capable of putting up 4,000 cans per day, and that he would have during the season 30,000 cans for sale. We had a can each of Indian corn and green peas for dinner, and can testify to their goodness. Although not in this department, we would recommend to those who use the article at all, the home made wine Mr. Kitchen had on exhibition. Certainly, if people will drink wine, it is better that they should use the pure home made, than the imported drugged stuff often sold under that name. He advertizes that he has several hundred barrels of wine and over 100,000 choice grape vines, for sale.

In the two classes of Ladies' Work, there were very many beautiful specimens. Although we cannot but admire them, while inspecting them—we mean the specimens of work—we cannot but experience a feeling of regret, that so much precious time should have been expended—nay, wasted—on many objects of little value, either for ornament or use. How many back-aches, finger-aches and head-aches, and perhaps heart-aches, have been experienced over the manipulation of some patch-work quilt, we of the masculine gender can scarcely imagine; and when the work is completed, it is but a "patch-work quilt" after all. We admire lovely and beautiful objects, in nature or art; but cannot think but the labour expended on this class of work, and some others also, is time wasted to little purpose. We cannot particularise here, but refer our readers to the list of awards.

Next on the list is the important class of machinery, castings and tools. There was but little

competition in the regular sections of this class. Horse-power cordwood sawing machines were shown by Hon. E. Leonard, of London, Ontario, and H. P. Barber, of Fredonia, N.Y. The judges awarded to the latter the first prize, "for cheapness, and simplicity, and general adaptability to farmers." S. Worthen & Co., of Coaticook, exhibited one of their patent hand looms, in operation. The advantages claimed for it, are 1st. That it weaves Tweeds, Satinets, Jeans, Union cloth, &c., &c., by one drawing through the harness. 2nd. It is particularly adapted to weaving home-spun yarn. 3rd. Any person can weave on it. 4th. It is thoroughly made, by the best mechanics, steel wire harness and steel reeds being used. 5th. It winds up the cloth, lets off the warp, throws the shuttle, and works the treadles, by turning an easy crank; and moves nearly as fast as a power loom. 6th. It weaves the goods any thickness required by the operator, and can be changed from one twill to another in two or three minutes. These advantages are surely sufficient to recommend it to parties requiring such a machine. We saw it in operation during the whole of the exhibition week, apparently working very satisfactorily. The price for 1½ loom is \$100, 1¼ loom \$105, including shifts, quilling apparatus, bobbins, and every article necessary to weave cotton and woollen goods.

G. L. Merrill, of London, Ontario, exhibited telescopic lift and force pumps, in operation. This pump is of metal, and of different sizes and prices, from \$10 up to \$100. It is easily worked, has great power, will work in any depth of water. The patentee claims that it is the most powerful hand fire-engine in use. It is now being manufactured by Messrs. Hamilton, Harding & Co., of Toronto. The McKelvy Refrigerator on exhibition requires no recommendation from us. Its merits are well known. The sash and moulding machines and turning lathes, by Messrs. McKechnie and Bertram, of Dundas, are well made machines, and deserving of the highest commendation we can give them. T. W. Glen, of Oshawa, successor to Joseph Hall & Co., exhibited a shingle splitting machine, four printing presses, a power loom, and a leather splitting machine. The printing presses comprised the Gordon's Nos. 1, 2 and 3 card and circular presses, and the Washington No. 5 hand-press. The presses were in operation, printing advertising circulars for the firm. They appeared to do their work with rapidity, and ease of movement. We notice the highest commendation from some of our Canadian printers, who have the presses in use.

The card clothing by J. Forsyth, of Dundas, and that also by Eyre Thuresson, of Ancaster, are