

very creditable. In machinery, castings &c., there was an excellent display. A few nice specimens of cabinet ware were shown by makers in Preston, Fergus and Waterloo. There were large displays of boots and shoes, John McNeil of Guelph, being conspicuous in this department. The show of grain, roots and farm produce generally, was very fine, and fully sustained the high reputation of Guelph and vicinity as one of the finest agricultural regions in Ontario.

In the fine arts and ladies' work department, there was quite enough to prove that amid the more substantial things to which attention is given, matters of taste and elegance are not overlooked.

Such was the constant crowd inside the Palace throughout the day, many on the grounds doubtless forbearing the effort to gain admission to the building, that the managers determined to continue open in the evening, when the townspeople attended *en masse*.

The success of the Guelph Central Fair is in keeping with the spirit of progress that animates the wide-awake town. No place in the Dominion more plainly indicates a period of rapid advancement and general prosperity. Guelph occupies a charming and healthy location,—the centre of one of the wealthiest and most thriving Agricultural regions on the continent, and the rapid enlargement of a great manufacturing interest is giving redouble energy to its growth. Its railway facilities with the recent addition of the W. G. & B. railway, reaching far into a land of boundless resources, are all that a rising town could wish for, and that part of the Province is renowned for the excellent character of its wagon roads. The business part of the town, and all the public buildings and pretentious private residences are constructed of an excellent quality of gray stone, abundant in the locality, which gives the place an air of stability. The building enterprise has been very active in Guelph this season, and we are informed that fully two hundred new buildings have been completed. Among these are a number of beautiful residences and two new churches, English and Presbyterian, both of which are spacious and highly ornamental edifices.

The manufactories are going ahead at the same ratio. Of the most important are Wearwick & Ames' new manufactory of machinists' tools, a very extensive establishment, giving employment to about two hundred mechanics; and Bell & Co.'s manufactory of musical instruments. The latter establishment will be a heavy stone building, 98 by 100 feet, three stories high, and fronting on two streets. This will be the largest manufactory of melodeons and organs in the dominion, and the proprietors have been highly successful in procuring prizes and medals in all directions. There are two other extensive manufactories in the same branch in Guelph, those of A. S. Hardy & Co., and McLeod, Wood & Co., the production of all being well known through the country. Sewing machines, agricultural implements, and other important branches of manufactories have strong foothold in Guelph, and with all its advantages the town must make rapid progress in growth and wealth. We should also say that the two daily papers of the town are thriving greatly, and the prodigious advertising types with which they abound at present reflect the enlarged views of the inhabitants.

## AMERICAN FAIRS.

### MICHIGAN STATE FAIR.

The twenty-third Annual Fair of the Michigan Society was commenced at Kalamazoo on Tuesday, the 19th ult., and continued for four days. The grounds are those of the well-known National House Park, about one mile and a quarter from the centre of the village, and contains about sixty-five acres. The land is slightly rolling and the soil sandy, and it possesses the desirable quality of drying up in a few hours after the heaviest rain.

The first day of the Fair was devoted to the completing of entries, and the arrangement of the different articles on exhibition. The attendance was slim, being mostly composed of exhibitors and their assistants, officers and employees of the agricultural Society, and so forth, and much of the second day was devoted to the same kind of work. In the afternoon, however, the crowd increased to about 3,000 and the arrangements for exhibition were nearly completed. With the exception of Floral Hall and the Grand Stand the buildings are mean and unworthy of the State.

The weather was very propitious during the Fair, but the dust was very disagreeable. Thursday was the great day of the Fair. The crowd continued to increase rapidly from an early hour, and there was no diminution in the vast stream of human beings until late in the day. There must have been at least 1,500 buggies, waggons, etc., on the ground. All the railroads in the vicinity of Kalamazoo brought heavily laden trains, and the excursionists kept coming into the grounds until 3 1-2 or 4 1-2 o'clock p. m. There must have been 25,000 people in the park on Thursday afternoon. The halls and outbuildings of every kind were uncomfortably crowded. In fact, every available spot inside the buildings and on the grounds was fully occupied by the multitude.

### THE ENTRIES.

Number of entries was as follows:

Horses.....	272
Cattle.....	181
Sheep, Swine and Poultry.....	284
Farm Implements.....	425
Domestic Manufactures.....	269
Dairy and Household Manufactures.....	106
Fine Arts, Needle, Shell and Wax Work, etc..	322
Flowers and Fruits.....	339
Field and Farm Products.....	192
	2,360

### THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR.

This exposition held last week at Milwaukee closed with great satisfaction to the Fair-goers, and with satisfactory results to the managers. The weather was all that could be desired, if we may except the rather cool wind, the soft rain of Monday night having laid the dust sufficiently to make it pleasant under foot.

The principal departments, with the exception of farm machinery, were well filled. This department was very meager, except in the direction of Mowing and Reaping machines, and Threshers and Separators.

The stock department was very full, embracing excellent representatives from many of the best herds of Short-horn, Devon, Alderney, Galloway, and