

careful attention to culture would render it more successful.

In vegetables the general display was very good, and comes up fully to former years. Cauliflowers were both large, and fine in quality. Cabbage not quite so large as in more favorable seasons. Tomatoes, Capsicums, onions and turnips were good, and shown by producers from various parts of the country. The show of squashes was extensive, some of the specimens being too large for table use. The celery was excellent.

The display of Green-house plants was, perhaps, superior to any former occasion, and attracted general attention. In Dahlias, the show of this favourite flower was not very fine, the season not being favorable. In Fuschias also the display was limited; the season being too far advanced to exhibit them in perfection.—There was an excellent assortment of Annuals in bloom, with quite a number of new varieties. Verbenas, beautiful and indispensable bedding out plants, were very fine and exceedingly well grown. The Bouquets were tasteful, the flowers artistically arranged, and the competition keen. It is to be regretted that no really good specimens of rustic ornamental work were shown, and we recommend some of our professional gardeners to try their taste and skill in this way, and produce a piece of work that would be both useful and ornamental to the garden.

### ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

The Exhibition Building was, as is usual on these occasions, filled to repletion with articles of the various kinds of manufactures, while the eastern galleries were mostly occupied with ladies' work, paintings, and musical instruments. The west wing comprised a large assortment of beautiful green-house plants, and a very splendid collection of fruit,—the apples, pears, plums, peaches and grapes added much to the variety and richness of the vast collection of varied articles which this capacious building contained. Throughout the Show the "Crystal Palace," as the Exhibition building is commonly termed, was the great centre of attraction to classes of people, and was thronged throughout.

In Sewing Machines much progress has of late been made, there being several different kinds on exhibition, manufactured in the Province. A very few years since everything of this kind was imported, Mr. Soper, of Woodstock, had an improved Singer Machine particularly adapted to heavy work. The price varies from \$75 to \$85, according to size. Mr. Soper has recently sent one of his machines to England. Mr. Halligan, of Newmarket, exhibited a machine possessing some novelties in construction, and it is said does

its work well:—one principal peculiarity double stitich for waxed thread. M. Wanzer & Co., Hamilton, exhibited quite a number of machines of different construction the produce of their own well-known factory. Their combination family Sewing machine is well known and appreciated, simple in its construction, does not easily get out of order, and is easily worked. Messrs. Terson & Irwin had some beautifully finished Singer's machines, possessing some recent improvement of the shuttle. For this market there is a constantly increasing demand.

Mr. Walton exhibited specimens of fine Slate from Lower Canada, of excellent quality and color; the latter is said to be permanent. Some beautiful white marble in pieces of superior design and workmanship were shown by Mr. Steiner, and Mr. Sheppard of Toronto; also a number of stones in marble, having groups of executed figures, by Mr. Arncliffe, and Mr. Borrowman & Pearce, of the same place.

In Lamps and illuminating fluids there is an extensive and highly creditable display by Messrs. Parsons, of Toronto had a fire collection, consisting of rock oil, lubricating oil and benzine, the latter being a product of petroleum, an article for which there is a great demand in England at high prices. The newly formed refining company of Enniskillen had a number of specimens of crude petroleum and its various products. Mr. Hugh Miller, of Toronto, exhibited a large quantity of specimens of oils, and an "Illuminating" which is said will burn without a chimney and to consume products hitherto regarded as almost worthless. Mr. Esmond showed a sample of lubricating oil, made entirely of petroleum, and sold at the extraordinary price of 25 cents a gallon; and it is frequently getting into great demand. Pomeroy, of Toronto, had an extensive collection of animal oils of superior quality. H. Piper & Brother had a fine display of oil lamps, and several excellent specimens of workmanship in tin and copper.

The village of Gananoque, on the north shore of the Lake, continues to increase in manufactures of iron and steel, as was evinced by numerous productions at the Exhibition. Jones has heretofore been an excellent exhibitor in spades, shovels, hoes, and such like articles, of very superior workmanship, the absence of which was felt as a loss on this occasion. Mr. Briggs showed a quantity of handsome steel carriage wheels and an assortment of pumps. Messrs. Britton and Britton showed numerous samples of all kinds in common use, and a large quantity of pressed nails, for which they hold a patent. Messrs. Warner & Britton showed well made specimens of articles in iron.