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ARTS AND MANUFACTURES AT THE
PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

In our last number we briefly alluded to the recent Exhibition at Kingston, and promised in this issue to give a more detailed notice of some portions of it. In doing so, we shall take the various classes in the alphabetical order in which they stood in the prize list, commencing with *Cabinet ware and other Wood and Hair Manufactures*.

The only furniture shown on the occasion was from the Penitentiary workshops; and certainly their productions reflected great credit upon the manager of the works, and the workmen also. The articles exhibited were drawing-room, dining-room and bed-room sets, some of which were elaborately decorated with very fair carving, said to have been designed and executed by one of the prisoners, who had been instructed in the art subsequent to his conviction. Although it would not at all compare in style and workmanship with the productions of such establishments as Jacques & Hay's, of Toronto, Reid's, of Hamilton, and others, it demonstrates that convict labour may be so utilized as to produce articles of beauty as well as of use.

A. Shaw, of Portsmouth, and R. S. Williams, of Toronto, exhibited fair specimens of decorative carving. A. Williamson, of Kingston, entered a frame of inlaid woods, containing 3,498 pieces, and comprising 65 different varieties, collected from 16 different countries, and elaborately worked into various designs of scroll work, emblematical figures, &c., &c. The whole size of the frame was about 24 × 15 inches. A. Shaw also had a very fine specimen of inlaid work on exhibition. A. Green, of Hamilton, had a large and good assortment of Brushes entered in this class. An assortment of joiners' work, by A. Storms, Odessa, was very good; and W. Clements, of Newbury, had again on exhibition a superior lot of undressed veneers, from Canadian woods. Amongst the extras of this class were several articles of merit, which will be found duly acknowledged in the list of awards, in this number of the Journal.

The next class coming under our notice is carriages and sleighs. The competition in this depart-

ment was very fair, and, we think, a decided improvement on what was shown in Kingston four years previously—less unmeaning and inappropriate decoration having been used on this occasion. W. G. Van Staden & Co., of Middlesex, exhibited good articles of bent shafts, top bows, rims and spokes. A. McKinley & Co., of St. Catharines, exhibited and took first prizes in the same sections, and also several extra prizes, and a diploma for assortments of sulky and cutter stuff, machine made spindles, whole seat backs, &c. Their whole collection was very large, and superior both as to material and finish. We are glad to learn that they are doing a large, and we hope profitable, business. Their goods are all machine-made, of the best Canadian forest timber. We understand that in spokes and felloes, alone, they turn out about 50 sets per day.

In the chemical class, Mr. Teepell, of Storrington, showed a fine collection of medicinal herbs, roots and plants, of native growth. Mr. Bond, of the same place, also had a collection to which was awarded the second prize. In resin, tar and turpentine, Mr. Irish, of Cramahe, again took first prizes.

In the important class of building materials and constructions, the sections were most meagrely represented—in many there being no competitors. Chown & Cunningham, of Kingston, took first prizes for water filter and iron castings for buildings. N. L. Piper & Son, Toronto, and W. Campbell & Co., of Hamilton, had also good filters on exhibition. In the various branches of lithography, W. C. Chewett & Co. took all the first prizes. Mrs. C. Hearn, of Montreal, took the first prize for collection of mathematical, philosophical and surveyor's instruments. She was also awarded a diploma for several novelties exhibited, of her manufacture, viz.: A pocket electro-magnetic machine for the use of the medical profession; a small Rumkorff coil and other apparatus for experiments in electro-magnetism—a complete set of Morse telegraph apparatus, for use in colleges or factories; an hygrodisk or moisture dial for indicating the amount of moisture in the atmosphere, or in dwellings. The latter is of Boston manufacture, and shown by Mrs. Hearn, as agent.

The assortment of stoneware in this department, by S. Skinner, of Picton, was very good, as was also the pottery by W. Campbell & Co., of Hamilton. The last named firm, and also Messrs. Plant and Warwood of Yorkville, both exhibited good articles of sewage pipes, and stench traps for house and other drains. With such good articles manufactured in the country, there is no excuse for importing them from abroad. The list of awards