

bushels per acre; corn, good crop, but not largely sown; buckwheat, half crop; hay, very poor crop; no flax sown; potatoes, extra good crop; other roots are good yield, but not much sown; very little fruit cultivated in this vicinity, but what is, is a fair yield.

CORNWALL.—Fall wheat, a fair crop, will average 30 bushels to the acre; spring wheat, 25; barley, 25 to 30; oats, 18 to 20; peas, 25 bushels to the acre; buckwheat will be a light crop; hay very light but well saved, about two-thirds crop; potatoes an average crop and sound; fruit an average crop. On the whole the crop is much better in this vicinity than was expected, considering the very dry season.

LANCASTER.—Owing to the long drought, the yield on the higher lands of grain and roots is very much below the average in bulk and weight, in some cases not worth the expense of harvesting. *Rst* is said to be almost general. Best accounts are from the localities which in ordinary seasons suffer from wet, where the yield is said to be average, and in many instances over it, and of good quality.

COTEAC LANDING.—Fall and spring wheats, scarcely any sown; barley averages 15 bushels to the acre; oats, 15 bushels; peas, 20 bushels; buckwheat would have been about two-thirds crop but for late frosts, which destroyed the greater part of it; no flax sown in this vicinity; potatoes and other roots, about two-thirds crop; grain, on the whole, not more than half a crop, and the straw very short; hay is two-thirds crop.

St. DOMINIQUE.—Fall wheat none; spring wheat, short; coarse grains and root crops have been all affected by the continual dry weather, and are below the average yield; hay is about an average crop.

St. ANNE'S.—Crops harvested in good condition; hay very light, and not above half a crop; spring wheat, fair quality, but light yield, as are also coarse grains, owing to the dry season; potatoes and other root crops promise an average yield, as late rains will still help them; buckwheat almost a failure.

POINT CLAIRE.—Wheat, good, oats, not so much as last year, but of much finer quality; barley very good; peas, good; buckwheat, very good; potatoes have every appearance of being a good crop; not so much hay or straw as last season; root crops have no appearance of a failure in any way, with the exception of onions and cabbages, which are not so plentiful as last year.

MONTREAL.—Barley, oats and peas are the principal cereals; in consequence of drought, the straw of the grain crops is short, but yield good, barley, particularly, turning out bright and heavy; root crops, with the exception of potatoes, have not succeeded well; turnips, carrots and mangolds having all suffered from drought; potatoes are good, and so far have no rot; hay, although not so heavy a crop as last year has been saved in much better condition, and is a fair average in quantity, and much beyond the average in quality. The orchards of Montreal have suffered considerably from dry and heat; the apple crop will be much less than an average, and not good in quality; plums and smaller fruit have succeeded better, market gardening has not been successful this year; cabbage, onions, and many other vegetables have been attacked by worms, which in some cases have destroyed acres of these products.

Arts and Manufactures.

THE ARTS DEPARTMENT OF THE RECENT PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Both the mechanic and fine arts made a most creditable display at the recent Provincial Show, and it were unjust to those who exerted themselves to render these branches of the Exhibition attractive, not to put on record some account of the numerous articles both useful and ornamental, which so well filled the various classes comprised in this department. As in other directions, so in this, progress and improvement were distinctly perceptible. Even in the fine arts, where from year to year in the past there have been those deficiencies which might be reasonably looked for in a new country, and in regard to which perhaps too severe a style of criticism has been indulged in, there was this year a very much to encourage and feel proud of. There were fewer daubs and gaudily coloured pieces, fewer old acquaintances familiar to the eye by successive appearances on such occasions; and a larger proportion of really meritorious new things, proving that we have a race of native artists who already do us no discredit, and may by and by rival Old-World productions in the fruits of their genius and skill. We invite our readers to take an excursion with us through the "Arts and Manufactures" portion of the Show, and to bestow at least a passing look on the more prominent objects in it. In doing so it is impossible to avoid observing the large displays made by two of the most noted machinery manufacturing firms in Ontario, Messrs. McKelvie & Bertram, of Dundas, and Messrs. Goldie, McCulloch & Co., of Galt. The first named of these firms, which devotes its attention exclusively to making tools and machinery for the various mechanics and manufacturers of the country, has earned a very high reputation for the superiority of the work which it turns out, a reputation fully sustained at the present exhibition. This firm had some twenty-one pieces of machinery on exhibition, comprising iron turning, drilling, and planing machines, moulding machines, matching machines, tennon and morticing machines, etc. In the collection shown by them we noticed a machine for boring car wheels, the first one of the kind, we believe, ever made in Canada. It is a massive and powerful piece of machinery, and seems fully capable of doing all that is claimed by the makers.

The firm of Messrs. Goldie, McCulloch & Co., of Galt, which has also a very extensive and well earned reputation for getting up good machinery, showed a large and splendid assortment of different kinds of machinery; among them a new steam governor, improved carding and wool picking machinery, wool pickers, cloth shearing, brushing, and pressing machinery, shingle sawing machinery, sash and moulding machinery, planing machines, tennoning and morticing machinery, mill stones and turbine water wheels, all of them apparently of very superior makes. They had also on the ground a stationary