

EXTRA.—B. F. Mosher, Nelson, assortment of dulcimers, \$4.

REMARKS OF JUDGES.—The judges on *piano fortes* and musical instruments, have at gratification in noticing the very marked improvement made in the manufacture of *piano fortes* during the past year. With the exception of one from Hallett & Davis, Boston, the whole of those on exhibition were made in Canada, and reflect at credit upon the skill and taste of the different exhibitors. In fact the instruments, beauty of tone, as well as exterior and interior finish, will bear favorable comparison with many of those imported from the United States at a large cost. We long ere will be no occasion to go beyond home manufacture" in this department.

CLASS LIII.—NATURAL HISTORY.
(50 Entries.)

Judges.—Messrs. T. J. Cottle, Woodstock; Dr. Craigie, Hamilton, and W. N. Alger, Randolph.

Best collection of stuffed birds and animals, of any country, E. Roper, Hamilton,

SPECIAL.—Best collection of stuffed mammals of Canada, classified, and common and technical names attached, S. W. Passmore, Toronto, \$20.

Best typical collection of stuffed birds of Canada, classified and common and technical names attached, Thos. Mellwraith, Hamilton, \$40; 2nd do, P. H. Gibbs, Oshawa; 3rd do, S. W. Passmore, Toronto,

Best collection of reptiles of Canada, (stuffed or preserved in spirits,) classified, common and technical names attached, S. W. Passmore, Toronto, \$10.

Best collection of live fishes, with names attached—the prize offered, \$40, divided between Jacob Binkley, Ancaster, \$20, and J. Dykes, Hamilton, \$20.

Best collection of native fishes, (stuffed or preserved in spirits) with common and technical names attached, S. W. Passmore, Toronto, \$15.

Best collection of native insects, classified, common and technical names attached, J. Crombie, Hamilton, \$15; 2nd do, J. Edmond Gourlay, Barton Lodge, Hamilton, \$8.

Best collection of the woods of Canada, in sections, and showing the bark—the prize of \$30 divided between J. Lyons, West

Flamboro', \$10; McClean & Clark, Puslinch, \$10; David Collins, Port Credit, \$10; the specimens being nearly equal.

Best collection of woods of Canada, in plank or boards, 3 feet long, one half the length to be polished, prize divided between McClean & Clark, Puslinch, \$15, and H. Leonard, Kingston, \$15.

EXTRAS.—Samuel Passmore, Toronto, for his whole collection of mammalia, birds, reptiles, and fishes, silver medal. Judge Logie, Hamilton, collection of native plants and flowers, \$10; James Granfall, Hamilton, bird and cage, \$1.

NOTES BY JUDGES.—Several of the prizes in this class are reduced from the amounts offered in the list, the amounts offered being, in the opinion of the Judges, too large for the specimens exhibited. Several of the special prizes offered have also been divided between two or more exhibitors in a section, the specimens offered in such cases being equal or nearly so. Section 3, stuffed birds of Canada, had eight entries, and some very fine and extensive collections, particularly No. 2, (Mellwraith's) which contained over 180 specimens, and No. 3, (Gibbs') containing over 90 specimens. No. 5, (Passmore's) contained 65 specimens. Section 5, "live fishes;" the Judges are not ashamed to confess their inability to decide in this class on animals imperfectly seen in the water. If a prize of this kind is again offered they would suggest that it should be for fishes raised by artificial means. The Judges deem it but a matter of justice to Mr. Binkley to state that all his fish: black bass, rock bass, pike, suckers, perch, shiners, and five other kinds, were bred in a private pond, and were a very excellent collection of fish. The other collections, embracing some twenty varieties, were also excellent. There were sturgeon, herring, white-fish, pickerel, pike, bass, (several varieties) &c. In the "extras" the only really valuable entry is a collection of very fine botanical specimens, (Judge Logie's) carefully and beautifully preserved and correctly named, for which an ample prize should be given.

CLASS LIV.—PAPER, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, &c.—(61 Entries.)

Judges.—Messrs. E. McPhail, Toronto; J. Somerville, and J. Edwards, Toronto.

Best specimen of blank book bookbinding, Brown & Brothers, Toronto, \$5; 2nd do, Barnes & Co., Hamilton, \$3.