

Class 5—DAIRY PRODUCE.

9 Premiums—62 Entries.

REPORT.

"The number of Entries under the above head, (being more than double that of any previous year) prove the increasing interest taken in this department, although the past season has not been favorable to Butter making, the display was very creditable, several parcels of packed Butter were very choice, the same remark applies more fully to the Rolls.

I might suggest that some packages of packed Butter were too heavily salted, others required solidity, needed more force in packing, some were much short of weight, 40 lbs. is the standard, less than this cannot draw a premium.

There were a few really good Cheese, but there is considerable room for improvement, more care and judgment in the making is essentially necessary. We hope to see the Dairy department nearly perfect next year."

For the Committee,

THOMAS ALLEN, JR.

Class 6—GRAIN AND SEED.

36 Premiums—51 Entries.

The Committee report upon all the above as of good quality, the very favorable season having permitted full growth to maturity, and perfect ripening. Samples of white and yellow corn in ears, exhibited by Dr. George T. Bingay, of Granville, not entered for premium, merited special mention, they regret the absence of leading varieties of seeds, and hope for amendment in this respect hereafter.

Class 7—VEGETABLES, ROOTS, &c.

69 Premiums—309 Entries.

REPORT.

"The large number of competitors the increase in the number of varieties, and the symmetry and beauty of many of the specimens, (indicating more careful culture) place the Exhibition in this department far in advance of that in any previous year."

For the Committee,

ALEXANDER S. MURRAY.

Class 8—FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

15 Premiums—19 Entries.

REPORT.

"The warm bright summer with which we have this year been blessed, has left the traces of its benign influences upon our fruit, as well as upon every other article of agricultural produce, with which our Exhibition was this season so abundantly supplied.

The apples were much larger, of a better color and finer flavor than formerly. These excellencies were still more evident in the case of plums, of which there was a much greater variety than last autumn. Of pears, last year but one collector really deserved notice, this year, among the many samples sent in, three were well deserving of the prize they obtained.

Among the fruit, not offered for competition, was a basket of Isabella and Delaware Grapes grown by Dr. George T. Bingay, at Granville, which for flavor were much esteemed. The same gentleman also sent a box of cultivated Cranberries, several plants with the berries attached, found in the box showed their great productiveness, and gave some of our Horticulturists the idea that Cranberries might be cultivated with advantage in this County.

Your Committee recommend that in future, prizes be offered for this branch of agriculture.

A basket of purple and white grapes, grown by Mrs. Lyman Cann, Sr., in a cold graperly at Milton, attracted much attention, one of the bunches weighing a pound. It is to be regretted that these were not sent in until the afternoon.

The bouquet that took the first prize was an object of interest, being composed of handsome flowers, arranged with taste and ingenuity."

For the Committee,

JAMES C. FARISH.

Class 9—FINE ARTS.

12 Premiums—30 Entries.

REPORT.

"The entries in this class amounted to thirty, comprising pictures in oil, water colors, pencil and crayons, of which fourteen were oil paintings.

It is to be hoped that in process of time our local artists may apply themselves to copying from Nature, to a greater extent than would seem to be the case at present. Incessant reproductions of engravings and stock pictures, though they may be very useful and even necessary to the attainment of mechanical excellence, must have a tendency to overlay and extinguish whatever latent spark of real talent may exist, more especially when, as in this country, really fine works of art are not accessible to the student. At all events, it would be something of a relief, if the exhibitors in the future were to show more originality in selection, and thus avoid presenting, year after year, copies of the same pictures, by different students.

The first prize, awarded to an oil painting, "The Trapper's Last Shot." In this case, the subject though fine, is somewhat hackneyed, but the execution was considered remarkably good. The second premium, fell to "Autumn," marked "original," but whether a fancy picture, or representation of actual scenery, is not stated. In this picture, both perspective and foliage are good, and colors well selected and applied.

The water color paintings in general presented rather an unfinished appearance, and young students, before attempting a picture of this class, should count the cost, and, if upon "taking stock" they do not consider themselves possessed of sufficient patience to work their picture out faithfully, in all its details, after they have tired of its prettiness of idea or sentiment, they had better abandon it and try crayons, which will give more speedy results. "Saint Margaret," first premium in water colors, shows both patience and ability as well as excellent taste.

In crayons, "The Gophers" and "Beatrice Cenci" are exquisitely finished, and one or two colored pictures of which "The Boy and Rabbits" was the best, was cleverly executed.

Perhaps the most amusing object in the whole Exhibition, was a pencil sketch from memory, of a well known Provincial Editor, seated in the editorial chair, in the act of inditing a "scather" against a political opponent, which for truthfulness of representation, almost throws Photography into the shade.

On the whole, the show of pictures was both large and creditable, and if thereby a taste for the beautiful be awakened and encouraged, the object of the Society will have been accomplished."

For the Committee,

WILLIAM H. MOODY.

Class 10—BREAD, PRESERVES, &c.

15 Premiums—10 Entries.

REPORT.

"Nearly all the specimens of Bread were of such good quality, the Committee found it no easy task to discriminate and award the prizes.

In Preserves, the premiums being for a collection, some exhibitors were deprived of the honors, not on account of quality, but for want of variety.

In Pickles, the display was limited with one or two exceptions, but the assortment to which the first prize was awarded was very fine."

For the Committee,

THOMAS M. LEWIS.

Class 11—DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES, FANCY WORK, &c.

42 Premiums—80 Entries.

REPORT.

"Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that Class 11, comprising Domestic Manufactures, Fancy Work, &c., &c., excelled in the variety and general excellence of the articles offered for premiums, the same department at the Exhibition of 1869. They believe, moreover, that if a more suitable place could be provided for the proper display of the handsome Carpets, Mats, Embroidery, Homespun cloths and other domestic fabrics, which our fair friends are so well able to furnish, a richer and still more varied decoration would adorn the "Farmers' Holiday."

The sawdust which first covered the floor, and as the crowds gathered, beclouded the air of the Court House, may be a "domestic manufacture," but it was not in the Catalogue, and it should have been ejected by the Custodian, before the sun rose on the beautiful October morning. It may be a very fine and convenient arrangement for the gentlemen of the legal fraternity, to have near them so beautiful a supply, when they wish to throw dust in the eyes of an innocent and unsuspecting Jury, but it does not improve the hues of our handsome carpets, or further embellish delicate embroidery. It may be, too, that owing to the shrouding sawdust, your Committee have failed to observe the superior texture of some of the articles exhibited, and to show that critical judgment in the award of the prizes, which may have been expected from them, and they would respectfully suggest to the proper authorities, that instead of sawdust, the floors of the Court House be covered with a serviceable carpet, of one of the many handsome patterns shown at the Fair."

For the Committee,

GEORGE S. BROWN.

Class 12—MISCELLANEOUS.

27 Premiums—15 Entries.

REPORT.

"It is to be regretted that the number of entries, under this class, should fall far short of what was expected,

The single Carriage exhibited by Ray Bros., was in every respect, a first class article.

Messrs. Geo. F. Allen & Co., exhibited an assortment of Haying Tools, Pails and Brooms, that do credit to their establishment. Bricks, Tiles, Boots and Shoes, and Cabinet Work were unrepresented; the liberal premiums offered for the latter should have induced some of our manufacturers to exhibit."

For the Committee,

JOSEPH R. KINNEY.