

judged to the editor of the *Court Circular*. The Pope's bull, forbidding the whole show, has not arrived in time for exhibition.

A large number of calves are exhibited by the management of the theatres. We understand from the exhibitors that they do not require much feeding, one good stuffing of cotton batting being sufficient for a long time. This hint is invaluable to the agriculturist in the scarcity of pasture occasioned by the late drought.

Once more to our muttons. Let us inspect the fleecy flocks. Mr. N. DICKER shows a splendid flock of lambs. We are sorry to hear that the prize for the most perfect fleece has been adjudged to an American railway company, and this too before the Reciprocity Treaty has passed. The wool trade should see to this.

A hydraulic ram, which has been imported at considerable expense for the purpose of improving the breed of Canadian sheep has turned out perfectly useless, but is worth looking at as a curiosity, though somewhat out of place in this department.

"Let us abandon do sheep," as the captains of the French mail-steamer say when anything goes wrong on board, and proceed:

What balmy breeze greets our nostrils? We approach the swine and feast our eyes on

"A long-tailed pig and a short-tailed pig,
And a pig with a curly tail;
A wolf-fed pig and a roadside pig,
And a pig that's death on the pull."

Beautiful creatures! Visions of the staple article of our national diet fit before our eyes! Oh, land of Ham!

Last, not least, of the live stock, come the horses. Happy creatures, ye have escaped the North-west expedition. The city of Hamilton takes the first prize in *mayors*, though the election was not unattended with difficulty, and the Judge did say—well, never mind what he said. Toronto exhibits a remarkably fine mayor—and corporation. The saw-horse and clothes-horse classes are well filled. Some singular instances of transformation may be noticed, illustrating the application of the Darwinian theory. An excellent Toronto dentist is equally famous as a *Trotter*, and a little boy lost his mother in the Exhibition ground and rowed himself home (or) in a short time. Barnum's sea-horse is on view somewhere, and a brave member of the 10th Royals tells us he hasn't got his uniform yet and is consequently *hors(e) de combat*, a combination of cavalry with infantry only before seen in the Horsemarine branch of the service. The plan, we believe, originated with the Minister of Militia.

So much for the principal live stock. The few others which remain belong more to the ornamental than useful classes, consisting mainly of ground-hogs and chipmunks. JIMUEL BRIGGS exhibits his famous mud-turtle, and the ingenious rulers of the Model Farm show a skunk which has been trained to act as a weather-cock, the direction of the wind being ascertained with the utmost certainty by a reference to the position of his cage. We have been requested by the Committee to convey to the public their most earnest entreaties that they will avoid irritating the beautiful and talented little creature, as his temper cannot always be relied on.

In the poultry class, the Rev. HONORABLE COCKS takes a devoted place, though the owners of some other *Mail* birds profess to be dissatisfied with the result.

While passing through the agricultural products department, which you will come to next, you may as well fill your pocket with grain when no one is looking, and go back and feed the fowls.

You will remark that in defiance of the city by laws there will be more geese at large outside the pens than shut up in them.

Now move on while you can.

The class for agricultural products is a highly interesting one. Among the root crops the Dawson Route, exhibited by the Dominion Government, is attracting universal attention. The Pacific Route is not expected to mature before the next exhibition comes round. Mr. COOL BRIGGS takes a high place with his "Root hog or die." Beets of all kinds are particularly abundant in and about Toronto, and a large supply of carrots are expected to turn-up. The show of dead-beats, is, we regret to say, a large one, and we may refer our readers to a list printed a few months back for some of the first specimens. A proposed reform in public vehicles is likely to bring on a *Hansom cab-ager*, and the gates of the exhibition are the place to see some tremendous squashes, into which the possessor of soft corn or hard corn either had better not venture. In passing through the cereal classes be careful to avoid the rye and the *Canadian Monthly*. The latter has however been made use of lately by mothers, it being found on trial that half a page of one of its stories, read aloud, has as much effect as a spoonful of Mrs. Winstow on the most fractious infant. Let us leave the Agricultural and pass to the

MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.

The loss of that encyclopaedia has rather injured our powers of describing mechanical contrivances. Still we will endeavor to give as good a description as is possible under the circumstances of the most remarkable machines.

The ink-slinging apparatuses on view are numerous. The first prize has been divided between the proprietors of the *National* and those of the *Globe*, for two admirable contrivances for squirting the

blackest description of ink in all directions, and bespattering an opponent from head to foot in a single issue. We rather incline to think the *National's* machine the most effectual as it sends the shower of ink on all sides at once, but so eminent an authority as Dr. SANGSTER has pronounced in favor of the *Globe*.

A steam potato-bug destroyer is on view, consisting of a powerful pair of grooved rollers between which the insects are passed, and afterwards subjected to the waste steam of the engine, this destroying nearly fifty percent of those put into the machine. It is necessary, however, to employ a large number of children to catch bugs and put them into the machine.

A Prescott genius exhibits a new patent fire engine, which throws out so many sparks as to set buildings on fire, and make work for itself, thus, shewing itself thoroughly self-supporting.

A very simple and efficacious contrivance for the destruction of Canada thistles consists of a hoe, a bottle of coal oil and a box of matches. It is not, however, self-acting.

A new ballot machine for the coming elections is sent up from Brockville, by which the much complained of secrecy of the Ballot is entirely obviated.

Specimens of the improved whiskey mill are to be found inside the grounds and those of the do. sort outside. The improvement consists in improving it off the face of the earth.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company send a train which arrived at its destination on time. They say the exhibition authorities may keep it as they don't want that sort of foolishness on their line.

The clock and watch departments contain several curious contrivances. One of the most extraordinary is the invention of Alderman JAXEN, and is used for the purpose of wasting time. The Toronto City Council have ordered a dozen of these machines.

Quebec sends up some most interesting specimens of cabinet work, and the machinery by which these are produced is shown. It is far too intricate for description and is intelligible only to the skilled mechanic, being apparently composed of wheels within wheels.

An emigrant trap comes down from Muskoka, and is a highly ingenious contrivance, shewing that Canadian workmen need not fear to compete with Americans on even terms.

Specimens of the tobacco chewing and whittling machines may be seen so often it is scarcely worth while to describe them. They are not particularly attractive.

A Whitty firm exhibit a furnace built to consume the smoke which the Ontario Central Railway project is going to end in.

Go back to the poultry department, take a pull at a cock-tail and then enter the Crystal Palace, and

THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Is the next which comes under our notice, and here Canada's gifted children have contributed some priceless gems. Mr. J. C. LYKKEAT has an admirable portrait of "Little Mrs. ———," painted by himself, and it is curious to see how Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR's conception of the same ideal being differs from his. Both are good in their way, but we quite agree with judges in awarding the palm to Mr. LYKKEAT's picture which displays more imaginative force. Mr. BROWN's rough sketch of "The Reciprocity Treaty" requires to be seen a good deal before it is admired, the subject being unpleasant, and the execution careless. We should advise Mr. A. W. LAYNER to try some less ambitious walk in art. His picture of "The Proton Outrage," though horrifying, is somewhat confused in treatment. Mr. W. H. HOWLAND has a charming picture of a sleeping infant, entitled "Canada First," and the editions of the *Mail* and *Globe* each send a portrait of Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Neither of these are particularly good, the former failing through excess of coloring, and the latter being executed in distemper, at all times a bad medium for portraits.

In statuary there is we must say, nothing new or interesting. Such statuettes as "Am I not a man, and a brother?" are all very well, but we have seen them before, and look to the schools of art to produce something a trifle better than these.

Poetry is properly classed among the fine arts. GRIP with his usual consideration for rising talent, prohibited his own poet laureate from engaging in the contest. The laurel crown has been adjudged to Mr. C. L. GRAVES, of the Royal Opera House, a gentleman from Collingwood coming in second, and Mr. PANKHURST, of Aylmer third, with inaugural odes. We would subjoin a specimen verse or so but fear that we might infringe copyrights. JIMUEL BRIGGS is said to be putting the SANGSTER case into the form of an epic, but he is waiting for the catastrophe, and has not sent it in.

The musical arrangements call for little notice. A contest of M. P's., blowing their own trumpets is the most noteworthy, and a performance by Mr. M. C. CAMERON's quartette minstrels would be interesting if the troupe would only learn a few new tunes.

In the part of the exhibition devoted to fancy goods you will find a remarkable consignment of 365 pairs of No. 6 slippers, all of different patterns. These were received by a popular preacher in the course of last year, and he is still receiving them at the same rate.

Some curious fancy seats are shown which have the property of suddenly turning out their occupants. Chief Justice HAGARTY who