

will be with the strife and turbulence the elements—since Nature is always found restore her own excesses, and ... to maintain her own averages (applause).—I entirely agree with the general bearing of the remarks which have been made by Earl of Clancarty—that, whether we look to geographical position of Ireland, or to the character of her soil, there will be always such a balance of moisture and humidity as will pasturage, and the production of animals, most secure and remunerating form which national industry can assume. I do not, of course, mean, as I am sure he did not mean, or friend of Ireland could mean, to disparage, or the proper production of corn crops in the districts which are by nature suited for (applause). Those districts abound in corn, and more especially is this the case regard to oats. But still, coupling the condition of the country with the closeness of those large English and Scotch markets where there is such a vast consumption of corn, I believe that providence has mainly destined Ireland to be the mother of flocks and herds, and I, consequently, believe that she will all the better the more truly she keeps to natural vocation (applause). And in this natural and patriotic path no more salutary or more encouraging can be afforded her than is supplied by those annual exhibitions, coupled with those of the Royal Agricultural Society—annual spring exhibitions which take place under the auspices of the Royal Dublin Society. These exhibitions, within the comparatively narrow limits of my own experience, have evinced a most remarkable progress. It is within these limits that you have housed your cattle, and we that in another year you are likely to roof over your implements. I need not point out to you as an interesting and suggestive exhibition elements collected in your yards to-day, or to you, or over how wide an extent of country they range (hear, hear). The facility of transport, to which we are indebted to our friends, has done an infinite deal in promoting every kind of agricultural competition; we read now, too, of international exhibitions. The Emperor of the French has, with sagacity, instituted them in his capital; and I am sure we shall be glad to find that one of our best-known exhibitors, who has obtained the laurels in the competition of to-day, not counting the laurels he gathers in your show—Mr. Ball—has carried away the prize for the capital of France (hear, hear). I do not say how entirely I agree with the remarks which Mr. Napier so aptly made even to the care and anxiety which we owe to the welfare of those labourers who, in daily life, furnish the national wealth, which it will be the object of this exhibition to promote (applause). We know that in the last years, notwithstanding any of the draw-

backs and vicissitudes to which I have referred, and of which we lately had experience, yet the stock of Ireland has increased in value within that period from twenty-one millions to thirty-three millions (hear, hear). And with respect to quality, I think it is very probable that almost the worst animal in the yard would be as good a one as the prize animal of the same period. I trust earnestly, my lords and gentlemen, that the varied accidents of these exhibitions, the numbers by which they are attended, the patronage by which they are honored, the skill by which they are fostered, may all progressively advance. It is true that we cannot warm our skies with unclouded sunshine, we cannot mature our crops, we cannot guard our sheep and cattle from all kinds of diseases; but we may continually furnish fresh aids to man in the struggle which he must always have to keep up with nature, giving the largest command over her bounties and making difficulties themselves the steps to his industry and the elements of his success (loud applause).

## Horticultural.

### Spring Exhibition of the Toronto Horticultural Society.

We can only afford space for a very general view of the first seasonal show of the Toronto Horticultural Society, which took place in the Music Hall, May 29th. The number of visitors, particularly in the evening, was large, and the display of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, considering the unfavorableness of the season, was extensive, and, upon the whole, of excellent quality. The arrangement of the articles betokened both taste and skill, a department that was undertaken, we understand, by Messrs. Gray and Humphreys, and the efficient pains-taking Secretary, Mr. J. C. Small.

Some of the Fuchsias were large, of good form and rich in flower. The collection of Geraniums was extensive, not large specimens, but the inflorescence was varied and beautiful. In foliage plants the show was characterised by a number of luxuriant specimens, some of them new and of very rare excellence. There were also several good specimens of orchids and stove plants, which attracted much attention. These and other rare productions were from the conservatories of Mr. Justice Morrison, Judge Harrison and C. S. Gzowski, Esq. The Petunias were generally good, particularly the finely col-