

premises, both up stairs and down, revealed to us the whole process of furniture making, from the time the rough, unshaped timber enters the place, till it emerges—a thing of beauty. We behold all kinds and descriptions; the plain Windsor chair; the cane-bottomed, and the still more elaborate and costly carved walnut and rose-wood; bureaus, plain, substantial and cheap, and bureaus carved with the utmost proficiency of art. Tables, whose legs are intended for service, and others whose delicate supports and fairy proportions bespeak the requisite of fashion, more for ornament than use. Bedsteads of puritanical simplicity of construction, whose strongest recommendation is their extreme durability and cheapness; but still looking as if the sleeper's experience would be nightly penance for his sins of the day. In their immediate neighborhood are their more aristocratic brethren, glorious in carving, and resplendent with the glitter of the highly polished wood, fitted with spring mattress or feather beds; it does seem as though the most wretched might be wooed to steep their senses in sweet forgetfulness. Every description of wood, suitable for furniture purposes, is here undergoing manipulation. One of the prettiest pieces of workmanship we saw was made from butternut, and presented a beautiful succession of wavy reflections upon its highly finished surface. As you proceed from room to room, and notice the long rows of busy workmen, inspect the mountains of furniture, both in the uncompleted and in the finished state, you wonder to yourselves, where are the customers to be found to buy it all. Yet, immense as is the quantity manufactured by Messrs. Hilton & Co., they find it difficult to keep the supply commensurate with the demand. The reputation of their furniture has spread from one end of the Dominion to the other; and at sales of household furniture, the mere announcement of the auctioneer that the articles are Hiltons' make, adds fully ten per cent. to the value in the minds of the buyers. The motto of the firm has evidently been that "whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," and making this maxim their rule in trade, they have placed themselves among the very foremost furniture manufacturers in Canada. There are many other interesting departments, we should like, were the time ours, to examine well; but not hav-

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