

interior of the building. Apart from these imperfections, which, while they greatly mar the general impression, produced upon the public at large, and which are by no means unavoidable, the appearance of the "Crystal Palace" was attractive and encouraging. The number of agricultural implements of every description on the Exhibition grounds was very considerable and indicated the change which is rapidly and completely taking place in the details of farm work.

Among a vast number of articles worthy of special notice, we may mention the woollen cloths of Canadian manufacture exhibited by the Port Dover Woollen Factory. The Ontario Woollen Mills of Cobourg produced some excellent specimens of goods manufactured at that establishment. Brockville, Grafton and Georgetown also distinguished themselves by sending capital broad-cloths, blankets, woollen carpets, &c. The names of the proprietors of these different establishments are as follows:

1. Port Dover Woollen Factory, built by a Joint Stock Company, and rented to J. N. Pitts.
2. Ontario Woollen Mills of Cobourg, Messrs. Fraser & Co.
3. Georgetown, W. Barber & Brothers.
4. Brockville, Ezekiel Snyder.
5. Grafton, Platt Hipman.
6. St. Catharines, Disher & Haight.
7. Victoria Woollen Mills, Almonte, Messrs. B. & W. Rosamond.

The different samples displayed were of excellent material and very creditable manufacture. There can be no longer any question that Canadian broad-cloths, woollens and carpets will rapidly gain favour in public estimation if the markets are supplied with articles equaling those exhibited at the Provincial Exhibition.

Mr. Sheppard's fuel-saving fire place, of which a full description is given in another place, altho' involving no new principle, is an ingenious artifice for saving much of the heat which is usually allowed to find its way, with hot air and smoke, up the chimney.

The presence of three portable steam engines from different firms, (Beckett & Co., of Toronto, Zealand of Port Hope, and Ganson, Watrous & Co. of Dundas,) show how the attention of the farming community is directed to steam as a farm adjunct, in a country where horse-power machines are scattered broadcast over the land. The collection of Reapers, Mowers, Cutters, Ploughs, and indeed every variety of agricultural implement, was very large, and indicated more general progress in the adoption of labour-saving machines of an expensive character, that any one disposed

to view Canada as a "new country" could regard without admiration and surprise.

The receipts of the seventeenth exhibition exceeded those of last year by about \$3,800. The total amount taken being about \$16,000. The financial part of this great annual gathering being as satisfactory as was the exhibition itself, whether viewed in the light of an orderly assemblage of a vast number of individuals met together for the purposes of enjoyment, instruction or competition, or as an exposition of the progress of the country in those industries which constitute the material wealth of a state.

## THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

### Why was there not an Address?

It has been the custom at the close of our annual exhibitions for the President of the Association to deliver an address, which was supposed to embody remarks on the progress of the country in agricultural and manufacturing industry, and to glance at the improvement it is making in civilization. This year the address has been omitted. We cannot agree with the opinion expressed by Col. Thompson at the meeting held at the close of the exhibition, that "Mr. Stone deserved credit for the moral courage he had displayed in bringing to an end the practice which had hitherto prevailed of an address being annually delivered by the retiring president." We think that it is rather to be deplored that Mr. Stone should have permitted so favourable an opportunity of recording the progress of the country in material things to slip by. The addresses of the Presidents of our Agricultural Association do, or ought to embody a vast amount of information, which would be eagerly read by people at home and abroad, and coming with all the authority of the highest representative of the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the country, they would carry weight with them which other emanations might very probably not possess. It is an opportunity for the spread of information respecting the resources and climate of the country, the industry and activity of its people, the increase of their wealth, the progress of their education, their submission to order and law, and their rise in the scale of civilization, which nothing is more calculated to establish than the fruits of their skill, so abundantly displayed at our annual exhibitions; forming a theme which every patriot should rejoice to enlarge on. If there were no signs of activity and progress visible, no improvement to note or advance to record during the retrospect of the year, then might the annual address be dispensed with without regret, as it would