

plete, would embrace almost every article of common use for which we have the raw material in the country, or which we can obtain from abroad, on such terms as to allow a profit upon its manufacture.

#### DAIRY PRODUCE—HONEY, ETC.

The show of butter and cheese did not display that superiority over the Kingston exhibition which was perceptible in many other articles. It rather tended to convince us that while the farmers of the Western counties undoubtedly excel in the raising of grain and the breeding of cattle, there are many respects in which they are outdone by their Eastern brethren, and certainly that would appear to be the case as regards the very important item of butter, of which the show at Kingston was exceedingly fine. Still, however, both in point of quantity and quality, the display was very creditable. Of cheese there were some very fine samples of different qualities, quite enough to make it a matter of great regret, that while we have such great capabilities of producing an article of such extensive consumption, we are almost entirely dependent for our supply upon foreign makers.

Nothing could be better than the honey, of which there were several specimens, both clear and in the comb, equal to any that could be produced in any part of the world.

#### FINE ARTS, ETC.

In the limited space to which our remarks have been necessarily confined, it has been obviously impossible to enter very fully into details respecting every article which was exhibited, and into the departments not connected with agricultural pursuits we have thought it advisable to intrude. Of the miscellaneous collection which comes under the heads of fine arts, or ladies' work, we can therefore only say that it presented the usual features of interest, and that many of the articles shown displayed a wonderful degree of taste and ingenuity. In the present position of this country, however, we cannot look for any very high degree of attainment in art, properly so called, and it may, perhaps, be questionable whether, in displays of this sort, much encouragement is really given to it. Indeed, the magnitude to which the Provincial Exhibitions are annually growing clearly indicates that before many years elapse some division will be necessarily resorted to, and all that pertains to art will take its proper place apart

from either agricultural or mechanical productions. In the meantime, until this necessity arises, all the varied creations of fancy and ingenuity add much to the general attractions of the show, and perhaps cause many to become alive to the magnitude of our material resources who would otherwise remain in ignorance of them.

Before concluding, there is one point to which the attention of the Board might properly be directed, and that is, to the number of extras which crowd the entry books. This indulgence is frequently made use of merely to bring into notice something which, it is feared, will not stand the test of too rigid competition, and which, therefore, under the disguise of some trifling peculiarity, is brought in as an extra. Of course where there is scarcely a limit to the variety of the articles which may be exhibited it is impossible to classify everything that may be worthy of exhibition, although we have pointed out one or two instances in which further classification is desirable, but still the use of extra entries may be, and frequently is, extended to an unwarrantable degree.

Of the general management of the Hamilton Exhibition, as well as of the grand success which attended it, we cannot speak in terms of too great commendation. The visit of the Prince of Wales tended, no doubt, very much to produce such splendid results, by stimulating the energies of all to an unusual degree, and it may perhaps be that in consequence of this the show next year will appear poor in comparison. We trust, however, that such will not be the case, but that our farmers and manufacturers, wisely looking to the true end of these exhibitions of our material progress, will not allow even the appearance of a falling off in our industrial advancement. Let those who won this year look well to their laurels, for they have many pushing rivals starting in the race who cannot easily be distanced. Fresh breeders and fresh manufacturers are constantly coming into the field, commencing with the knowledge which has been gained by the long experience of their predecessors, and prepared to extend that knowledge still further by their own investigations. A wide range is, however, happily open to all, and there is still abundant room for improvement, and a field in which all who are worthy of reward may be certain of gaining it according to their merits.