

41. Best Yarn, cotton, two pounds. 2 00
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42. Extra entries.

CLASS LIV—FOREIGN MANUFACTURES.

Foreign Articles will be admitted for exhibition only; but Certificates will be awarded to any article of worth or peculiar merit

GUELPH MAY FAIR.—It has got to be almost a proverb in town that May Fair never passes without a storm of some kind. This year was no exception to the rule for on Tuesday it snowed and rained without intermission and on Wednesday it was cold and bleak with sleety showers in the morning. It was therefore a poor fair in point of numbers, though, as might be expected from the small turn out of cattle, prices were good. About 120 were entered at the gate, some of them in prime condition, others only passable. Several yoke of good working oxen were brought in, and a few changed hands. Geo Hood bought from Mr. Evan Macdonald a steer for \$55; Mr. John Laidlaw sold to Lemon 2 cows for \$80 Mr. Jas. Laidlaw to the same 2 three year old steers for \$95; Mr. Jas Elliott 2 heifers to the same for \$84.50, Mr. Jas. Hasson to the same 8 head for \$460; Mr. Wilson 1 steer to Wald for \$50. Mr. Geo Hood bought 80 head of cattle from Mr. David Allan, but we did not learn the price. Mr. John West bought a cow for \$16, a cow and heifer for \$34. He sold three head for \$100, 1 yoke of oxen for \$100 and one steer for \$34. Mr. Tyson bought 2 from Mr. W. Jackson, Paisley Block \$94, 3 from Alex Mackie for \$100, 1 from Abram Wright, Jr. for \$33, one from Mr. Clements, Guelph, for \$34, one from Mr. Newman, Pilkington, for \$25. He sold to Lemon 7 head for \$307.50.—Prices were generally very good, one cow being sold by Mr. Peters, Eramosa, for \$5 a hundred live weight. The average price would be from \$4 to \$4.50 a hundred. Mr. Alexander of Eramosa, sold one yoke of oxen for \$100. Five car loads of cattle went off by the Grand Trunk on Wednesday night, and a large drove was shipped on Thursday morning. The Fair at Elora was poor, the day being so bad. Good prices were paid however and quite a lot of cattle were bought down by the drovers. The turn out of people was better than might have been expected, though far short of what it would have been, had the weather been fine. Several agricultural implements were exhibited, chief among them being Cosset's Buck eye reaper and mower, and a sample of the same machines from Hamilton, Ackerman's and Thain's washing machines, Thain's new churn, which is on the lever principle, and Ackerman's churn which can be worked by dog power.

THE HORSE SHOW.

The show of stallions took place about 2 o'clock on the Fair ground. Entries were

made by the following proprietors of horses. R. Adams, Acton, Geo. Jefferson, Amaranth, Neil, McPhatter, Puslinch, Thos. Dunn, do., D. McTavish, Nassagaweya, P. Murphy, Guelph, R. S. Geddes, Weston, John Hewer, Guelph, N. Davis, do., Alex. McBain, Beverley, W. Sallows, Guelph, Jos Black, Fergus. The Judges were Messrs Geo. Murton, Thos. Hood, Jas. Cowan, Jas. Laidlaw, and Henry Smith. After a careful examination of the different animals the Judge awarded the prize of \$40 to the stallion owned by D. McTavish, Nassagaweya. —*Wellington Mercury.*

FLAX SCUTCHING.—The Flax machines lately invented in New England are sold at \$350, and will scutch from 2000 to 2500 lbs. of flax straw per day of 10 hours.

A new machine for scutching has recently been invented by Messrs. Mallory & Sanford, corner of Center and White Streets, New York, which is said to have been used in the flax mill at Union Village, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., with the following results:

"500 lbs. of flax straw gave 110½ lbs. dressed flax, 16 lbs. fine tow."

From this result a ton of straw, the ordinary produce of an acre in this country, will give 442 lbs. of dressed flax, worth \$110.50 at present prices, besides tow. The expense of scutching a ton, to the owner of a machine run by water power, is only the wages of two men for a day. —*Rural New Yorker.*

Horticulture.**TORONTO GARDENERS' IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.**

The Monthly Meeting of this Society was held in the Agricultural Hall, on the evening of April 20th. Present: Messrs. J. Fleming, Chairman; J. Gray, G. Vair, S. Ashby, C. W. Lawton, E. Townsend, C. Young, E. Lewis, S. Turner, J. Monaghan, and J. Forsyth.

The subject discussed was the pot culture of the grape vine.

Mr. Lawton, in introducing the subject, said, for pot culture, the vines ought to be raised from eyes, which may be had of well ripened wood of the previous year, cut in lengths of 3 inches, and struck in a propagating pan, placed in a good heat. When well rooted, he would put them in pint pots, and keep them growing as strong as possible, shifting them into eight-inch pots, and from that into ten-inch, which would be the last shift for the season. The soil he would recommend, would be a rich turfy loam or sod, with a mixture of well-decomposed manure, charcoal, and bone-dust. The following year, which would be the season for fruiting, he would re-pot, without shaking the ball, or