

Best 12 yards summer tweed, J. Clutten, Aylmer, \$6; 2nd do, do, do, \$4.

Best assortment woollen shawls, stockings, drawers, shirts and mitts, Jasper G. Crane, Ancaster, \$7, and Diploma.

Best 1 pound woollen yarn, white, Jasper G. Crane, Ancaster, \$2, and Diploma; 2nd do, do do, \$1.

Best 1 pound woollen yarn, dyed, Jasper G. Crane, Ancaster, \$3; 2nd do, Mrs. Hannah Morden, London, \$2.

EXTRAS.—Crossland & Brown, Dundas, cotton batting, Diploma; William Pearce, Wallacetown, 3 woollen plaids, \$2; 12 yards bird's eye linen, \$2; 12 yards bird's eye cotton, \$2. John Pearce, Tyrconnill, 3 woollen plaids, \$4.

CLASS LIV.—FOREIGN MANUFACTURES,—
(29 Entries.)

Judges.—Dr. Beatty, Cobourg; J. E. Pell, Toronto; Wm. Edwards, Toronto.

Articles admitted for exhibition only; but Certificates awarded to any articles of worth, or peculiar merit.

Germain & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., Pennsylvania Rock Oil, Diploma.

Hurlburt, U. S., stave sawing and dressing machine, Diploma.

AMATEUR MUSICAL BANDS.

(Four Bands in Competition.)

Judges.—G. W. Strathey, Mus. Doc., Toronto; Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, Toronto; and W. W. Carey, band-master R. C. R., London.

For the best Canadian Amateur band, consisting of not less than eight performers, of whom there shall not be more than two professional artists, Cobourg Brass Band, \$100; 2nd do, Guelph Union Brass band, \$75; 3rd do, London Artillery band, \$50.

Miscellaneous.

HOUSE SPARROWS—These, by far the ugliest and most impudent of all British birds, swarm in London and the suburbs at all seasons, and are said to number double the amount of human population within the sound of Bowbells. In the fall of the year, and throughout winter, they congregate about two hours before sunset, in the nearest trees, and there make such a din as drowns at times even the roar of London streets. It is from this cause that so many trees in the front grounds of suburban villas, which would otherwise be allowed to grow to their fair proportions, are mutilated and cut down to shapeless trunks. The sparrows in such myriads in a large tree are an intolerable nuisance, while their droppings poison the air. They are kept down in the pop-

lars at the end of the Terrace Gardens, by the Terrace cats, which promenade the top of the walls, and seal the trees after them, bagging them easily during their conclaves. When pairing time comes in the spring, the sparrows, in their eagerness to build, will fight like tigers for a site for a nest. Year after year, they build in the open mouth of the waste-pipe from the roof, and as regularly lose a portion of their brood by the sudden showers which wash them away. Their nests are most slovenly affairs, and generally fall to pieces by the time they are done with.—*Chambers' Journal*.

Editorial Notices, &c.

THE JOURNAL OF THE BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES FOR UPPER CANADA, Toronto, December 1861.

The first volume of this valuable periodical, devoted to the cause of native industry, is completed, and comprises much to interest and instruct in the various branches of Arts and Manufactures. It is under the able editorship of Professor Hind, assisted by Mr. Edwards, the indefatigable Secretary of the Board of Arts and Manufactures. It may not be generally known that this journal can be obtained by members of all *Agricultural Societies*, as well as *Mechanics' Institutes* organized according to Statute, for the very low sum of half-a-dollar per annum; and we should be happy to hear that a large number of the former have availed themselves of the opportunity.

"In all respects, with the exception of correspondence, has the Journal met with the anticipations of its promoters. As it is impossible with the means at our disposal to obtain information respecting local progress or local wants, we again call attention to that paragraph in the prospectus which refers to the co-operation of others. "All who are engaged in industrial pursuits, capable of improvement or extension, can recognize the advantages which a journal of the character proposed is capable of conferring; and it is earnestly hoped that many will be willing to contribute information as to what is *now doing* in Canada, and suggestions as to *what may be done* with profit to individual enterprise and advantage to the Province." Such, however, has been the share of encouragement awarded to this Journal, that the Board has determined to enlarge it by four additional pages in each number, or 48 pages in the volume. The monthly issue will also be printed on a larger sheet, and supplied with a cover, stitched and cut. These improvements will, we trust, be met in a liberal and encouraging manner by *Mechanics' Institutes*, *Reading Associations*,