

in autumn. Better still perhaps it would be better to do something at the roads at both periods. We greatly need in all parts of the country a more thorough system of road-making. We go on shovelling the accumulation of the ditch and roadside into the carriage track as though decayed leaves and old turf would make good footing for iron shod horses and iron tired wheels. Rarely is gravelling and metalling undertaken except when a chartered company takes a stretch of road in hand to make money out of it, and then farmers pay for their whistle, when they might have had it for next to nothing were a wise system of statute labor pursued. The fact is, we are too niggardly of time, toil and outlay on our roads, and do not properly appreciate their value, and the importance of their being well constructed and kept in good repair. October is also an excellent month for all such operations as grading, cleaning, trenching, draining, planting, or building stone wall. There is no better time for cutting timber than just when the leaves begin to drop from the axils of the new buds of the year to come. Firewood cut this month is represented to be more valuable for heating purposes than when felled at any other season, and cedar or other wood wanted for rustic work, will hold its bark better and be more durable if cut in October. Those who prefer to plant their shade or fruit trees in the fall, should have a care not to defer it too late. It is not needful or best to wait until the leaves have actually fallen. If there is full ripeness of wood and the leaves are beginning to drop, it is time to transplant if it is to be done in autumn. But we confess ourselves decidedly in favor of spring planting in the latitude of Canada. As observed last month, it will pay to bestow early and thorough attention on fattening stock. Their growth should never be checked by exposure to cold or by short allowance of food. It is advisable also to have all store and working animals in as good condition as possible at the beginning of winter. They will keep more easily for it, and come out in better heart when spring opens. Sheds, barns, and buildings of all kinds must be put in thorough repair before winter, or the comfort of stock will be diminished and the consumption of food increased. This is a good month for out-door painting. It is said to stand better if applied at this period than either during spring or summer. Let the work be done whenever it may, it is labor and expense well bestowed.

A variety of garden operations may be advantageously performed in October. Gathering and stowing of vegetables, manuring, ploughing and spading, that the soil may be mellowed by the winter frosts, taking out of the ground bulbs that are tender, and planting hardy ones for early spring

flowering; these, and various other odd jobs, will make the garden as well as the farm a busy scene during the present month.

Final preparations for winter must now be made in the apiary. Whether shifting, uniting of weak stocks, feeding deficient stocks, and the like, may require to be done, should be delayed no longer. Hives should only be opened on warm, sunny days now, if any internal attention is needed, as bees are easily chilled, and do not quickly recover the effects of cold.

THE EXHIBITIONS.

The greater part of our space this month is devoted to the Exhibitions, and we are certain that no apology is needed in view of this. These great expositions of the condition of the agricultural and mechanical industries of our country are of interest to every body, and specially so to those in whose immediate localities they are held.

In our reports the Provincial is assigned the first place, and we trust the carefully prepared letters for which we are personally responsible, will give all our readers far and near, a "full, true, and particular account" of what is with all its faults, our grandest and best affair in this line.

Next, we pay our respects to the Western Fair, and regret that through the failure of our arrangements in this respect, it is not more fully reported in our columns. Owing to a mistake of the printer in "making up" as it is termed, there is a little confusion in the several parts of our report. The account from "our own correspondent" should have preceded the Editorial note, and the article from the *London Daily Advertiser*;

The Central Fair comes in due course, and if this is reported with fulness, it is because Hamilton is the head-quarters of this journal, and the centre around which a large proportion of its subscribers are to be found.

The Guelph Fair is also treated to a pretty full notice, not so full and particular however as it would have been, had it not been held on the same days as the Provincial Sabbath School Convention at London, which claimed and received a part of our time and attention.

Brief notices of several of the American State Fairs will be found following suit, with the exhibitions in our own country.

It is pleasing to note the evidences these fairs have given of the growing wealth and great prosperity of the Province of Ontario. The four great exhibitions which occupy so prominent a place in this number, were all more or less successful, and must in the aggregate have accom-