

bited in Canada, and although better fastened and stronger than the English made, are sold at prices to compete with any imported hinges. It is said that all the goods manufactured by this company are sold at prices below that at which they can be imported. Whatever can be profitably made at home is, to that extent, so much wealth stored up in the country that would otherwise go to enrich others. Of this class of manufactures may also be named the cast iron enamelled ware, by R. Campbell & Co., of Hamilton, a large quantity of which is used for domestic purposes, and which, until now, has all been imported from abroad. Several other interesting specialties of manufacture will also be noticed, by referring to the list of extra awards in this class. H. T. Smith exhibited, and had in continuous operation, a soda water machine, syrup pump for soda bottles, and a soda water fountain. These appeared to be almost perfect machines for the uses for which they were intended.

Mr. Sweet, of Montreal, exhibited a patent atmospheric bell-pull. This invention is intended to supersede the old wire and crank system. It consists in two perfect instruments, connected by a quarter-inch gas or composition pipe, placed under the floors, or otherwise. It is not expensive, and said to be not liable to get out of order. It is easily repaired, without the aid of a bell-hanger.

The Canada Horse Nail Co., of Montreal, exhibited a most excellent article of horse shoe nails, for which a diploma was awarded them.

The department of musical instruments was a very interesting one, from the number of fine-toned and well-finished instruments on exhibition. The harmoniums shown were by J. C. Fox, Kingston; R. S. Williams, and Coleman & Sons, Toronto; and Bell, Wood & Co., Guelph. The melodians were by the three last named makers, and by H. Smith, [Kingston, and R. H. Dalton, Toronto. Although but two in each section could take the prize, all were deserving of the highest commendation. The same may be said of the pianos shewn by J. C. Fox, Kingston; Heintzman & Co., Toronto; and J. F. Rainer & Co., Whitby, —the latter showing his patent elliptic pianos only. All these makers exhibited instruments of fine tone, and some of them of great power. The church and parlor organs, by S. N. Warren & Co., of Montreal, were fine instruments, and well deserving the encomiums passed on them.

The Natural History class was very poorly represented on this occasion. The collections were small, and generally not properly classified and named. Mr. Macoun, of Belleville, was awarded a diploma, in addition to the 1st prize, for a col-

lection of native plants; and Mr. J. O. Sullivan, of Kingston, exhibited a very fine anatomical preparation, for which he received a diploma.

In class 48 there was but little competition. A few specimens of letter-press printing; some admirable specimens of penmanship by Musgrove & Wright, of the Commercial College, Toronto; and some fine specimens of paper hangings, by M. Staunton, Toronto, was all that was worthy of note.

The show, in almost all the sections of the saddle and harness department, was larger than usual, and comprised some very good specimens both of work and material. The prize awards very fairly represent the merits of the respective articles on exhibition. We would like to see our woollen manufacturers pay more attention to the cloths shown in this class, such as kersey for horse clothing, check for horse collars, horse blankets and saddle serge. A good deal of stuff is entered under these respective heads, every year, that do not come within the description of goods required. The improvement in the whole class, however, both of material and manufactured articles, is very marked, and speaks well for the progress of the Province in leather manufactures.

The boot and shoe department, except in leather and other raw material, was poorly represented in quantity, although good in quality. The different kinds of leather were of first class, and shew a continuous advancement in this respect.

In the class of woollen, flax and cotton goods, the entries were numerous,—especially so in some sections, such as woollen blankets, fulled cloths, counterpanes, flannels, shawls, and white and dyed yarns. We are pleased to see a lively competition in this, one of our staple manufactures. There is still room for great improvements in the making up and patterns of our woollen fabrics, and especially so in the matter of dyeing. In this latter point we fail more than in any other. It would be a well spent appropriation on the part of the Government and Legislature, to establish a school of instruction in this branch, and to bring out some first-class instructors from England for that purpose. Our cloths will not, to any great extent, meet with the approval of the middle and upper classes until a better system of applying the dye colours is initiated. In this class were some fine specimens of ropes, cordage and twines; and also assortments and specimens of ladies' and gentlemen's furs, of good quality.

Space forbids us going more into details on the present occasion. Next year we hope to meet our friends in the city of Hamilton.