

298. Under the head of "Vegetable Matters" are grouped the important industries employing material of vegetable origin—the great industries connected with wood, with the manufacture of paper, and others.

Pot and pearl asheries show a decrease from 225 establishments in 1881 to 128 in 1891, and the output has shrunk in value from \$345,096 in 1881 to \$153,441 in 1891. The chief increases are in carpentering establishments (2,124), cooperages (94), planing and moulding (255), saw-mills (276), shingle-mills (76), wood-turning (102), pulp-mills (19), wind-mills (68), and rubber factories (11). Paper mills show a decrease of 2 in number of establishments, but an increase in every other particular. Specialization is also apparent in this group, there being 10 more distinct industries in the group in 1891 than in it in 1881.

MATHEMATICAL, &c.—INSTRUMENTS.

Industry.	No. of Establishments.	Capital.	No. of Employees.	Wages.	Value of Output.
		\$		\$	\$
Mathematical	3	2,700	8	2,485	5,875
Optical.....	3	5,740	9	4,250	13,500
Spectacles.....	1	5,040	2	800	1,800
Surgical.....	11	34,075	33	11,875	53,800
Census of 1891—Total...	18	47,555	52	19,410	74,975
Census of 1881—Total...	10	81,900	74	23,180	66,200

299. In this group there has been an increase in the number of establishments and in the output, but a decrease in other particulars. Mathematical instrument making employed in 1891 a capital of \$2,700 against \$27,500 in 1881: 8 hands against 22, and had an output of \$5,875 against an output of \$21,000 in 1881.