

not otherwise be kept, as cherries, berries, early peaches, and plums, gooseberries and currants. This exhibit was shown on shelves at the ends of the fruit tables and attracted a great deal of attention. The Secretary and Prof. Hutt, were on hand most of the time to answer enquiries and give information concerning experimental fruit growing. These two gentlemen are making a study of varieties, and are constituted by the Board a Committee of Nomenclature on fruits. The importance of such a committee is evident from the fact that even this year some varieties which were not true to name, had prizes awarded them by the judges.

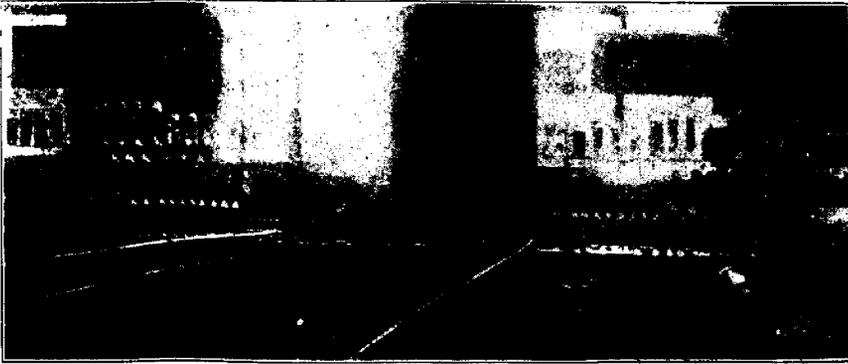


FIG. 999.—BOTTLED FRUIT AT THE INDUSTRIAL.

If the awards are any indication of the advantages of the various sections for fruit growing it would appear that the region of Hamilton and of the Bay of Quinte are foremost in merit. In the collection of forty varieties for example the 1st prize went to Hamilton, the 2nd to Burlington and the 3rd to Trenton; for the twenty varieties, the 1st prize went to Hamilton, the 2nd to Burlington and the 3rd to Trenton. Of the five varieties for export, the prizes were, 1st Burlington, 2nd Belleville, 3rd Hamilton, 4th Hamilton. Of the five for cooking the 1st prize went to Belleville, and of the five for dessert the 1st went to Burlington. Are these then the two rival sections, and are no others equal to them? No doubt many of our readers will dispute such an inference.

The five 1st prize varieties for cooking were King, Duchess, Spy, Ontario, and Greening; for Dessert, Spy, Spitzenberg, Ribston, Swazie Pomme Grise, and Fameuse; for export, Blenheim, Baldwin, Spy, King, Golden Russet.

Chief among the distinguished visitors to our fruit exhibit was His Excellency, Lord Aberdeen, who is himself a fruit grower, and evidently takes the deepest interest in this branch of industry.

The Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion, the Hon. Sidney Fisher, together with the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, also visited and examined our fruit exhibit.