

Forsyth, of the Normal School, bore away the palm. There was a good display of beautifully arranged hand and table bouquets.

FRUIT.

In this department the fine display of grapes requires to be first mentioned, and certainly finer grown grapes were never shown in Canada than those on exhibition yesterday. Crowds of persons lingered near them for hours, and all saw something to praise. The clusters were large and luscious. Three bunches belonging to Mr. H. Eccles weighed in the aggregate no less than 121 oz. Hon. Mr. Cayley exhibited five varieties grown in a cold grapery, the clusters weighing from 32½ oz. to 47½ oz. Mr. C. S. Gzowski carried off the Vice President's medal for eleven varieties, while Judge Harrison and Mr. W. H. Boulton exhibited specimens which were greatly admired. Near the middle of the centre table was a very fine grape vine in a pot with six large clusters, and was from the nursery of Mr. John Gray. Hon. J. J. Morrison also exhibited a handsome grape vine in a pot. The display on the tables gave ample proof that all kinds of grapes can be profitably cultivated in Canada. The number of each was not very large, and those exhibited by Judge Harrison, and Mr. D. L. Macpherson presented a fine appearance and gained the prizes. Mr. W. H. Boulton and Judge Harrison were the principal exhibitors of nectarines, while some beautiful plants were shown by Rev. Edmund Baldwin and Mr. H. Eccles. There were many varieties of apples on the tables, but one of them calling for special mention. The pears were fully up to those of last year. Mr. John Gray, Hon. Mr. Allan, and Mr. R. Hibbard excelled in this department.

VEGETABLES.

While great attention appeared to have been paid to fruits and flowers, the tables yesterday gave ample evidence that the kitchen garden did not been neglected; and, although a pretty young lady asked her mamma, "Who would be so stupid as to look at onions?" the visitors gave much attention to the vegetable department. On the tables were a very fine collection of mammoth cabbages, turnips, onions, potatoes, beets, cauliflowers, tomatoes, sweet corn, vegetable marrow, celery, parsnips, and salsify, and, as usual, there was a large number of exhibitors. In potatoes, Mr. C. S. Gzowski gained the first prize, and Mr. Tattl the second. In cabbages, Mr. Wm. Burgess was the successful competitor, while Mr. T. Tillman gained the prizes for red cabbages. Mr. Edward Lewis, and Mr. Tattl showed some very fine cauliflowers, and the last-mentioned gentleman also exhibited a few large specimens of beets and tomatoes. The onions belonging to Mr. George Vear were awarded the first prize, as was also the sweet corn belonging to Mr. E. Lewis, and the large vegetable mar-

rows exhibited by Mr. H. Eccles. The Judges in almost every department appeared to have considerable difficulty in giving their decisions, owing, no doubt, to the excellence of the various specimens exhibited.

The splendid band of the 30th Regiment was in attendance in the pavillion from four in the afternoon till half-past six o'clock in the evening, and performed the following well selected programme, under the able leadership of Mr. Weston, Band Master:—

March—
Overture, "Masaniello"—*Auber*.
Waltzes, "Donna Julia"—*Laurent*.
Selections, "Bianca"—*Balfe*.
Galop, "Submarine"—*D'Albert*.
Selections, "Attila"—*Verdi*.
Quadrilles, "Zurich"—*D'Albert*.
Overtures, "Stradella"—*Flotow*.
Mazurka, "Jager"—*——*.
Selection, "La Traviata"—*Verdi*.
Waltzes, "Queen of the West"—*Coots*.
Galop, "Leviathan"—*D'Albert*.
"God Save the Queen."

During the performance of the several pieces the visitors assembled in the pavillion or promenade in the grounds, which, at the present time, present a most beautiful appearance. Taken as a whole the Exhibition may be pronounced one of the most successful of the many given under the auspices of this well-managed and popular Society. The weather was all that could be desired.—*Globe*.

Asparagus.

TO THE EDITORS OF AGRICULTURIST.—Will some one of your able and respected Horticultural correspondents be kind enough to answer the following questions, regarding the required treatment of the above valuable vegetable?—

Is it necessary that the stalks of the above root should remain on till they wither, and the balls of the seed turn red, before they are cut down?—or will the root suffer if the stems and seeds are cut whilst quite green? Beds 3 and 4 years old, and plants very luxuriant.

Also, *how late* in the fall may it be safe and judicious to pull old beds to pieces, and transplant the roots into new ones?

Respectfully yours,

A SUBSCRIBER.

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[We shall be obliged if some of our horticultural readers will furnish us with an article on the culture of Asparagus generally. The usual practice of allowing the stalks to get yellow before cutting them off, is no doubt well founded, for if cut green the stock would in some degree