

would have to be watchful and careful and keep their orchards clean by spraying, for he had noticed a few apples on exhibit that showed evidences of lack of spraying. He further stated that if the growers of Kootenay were to get the best results it would be necessary for them to concentrate upon a few varieties, the ones which they can grow best, and then market together and on a large scale.

Mr. Porter had struck a key note. The difficulties of selling and transportation are the problems that are worrying the growers the most just now. The markets are ready to buy their fruit, they have long since proved that they can produce the stuff, but the difficulties mentioned have yet to be disposed of. The operations of the local association along this line have been singularly unsuccessful during the present year and many ideas are being suggested, of which we shall hear more later.

The fruit crop this year is very good. A number of new orchards are coming into bearing which will increase the output materially. The Covert estate at Grand Forks will produce about 25 car loads of fruit. Some 15 cars from this district are being shipped to Australia. More were wanted but this was all that could be supplied of the varieties called for.

A noticeable feature of the past season was the splendid sample of peaches. Those on exhibit from Grand Fork at the Nelson fair could not be improved upon anywhere. One grower has signified his intention of planting five acres of peaches next spring. This, in view of the fact that even the most enthusiastic Kootenaians have not claimed the Kootenay to be much of a peach district, is very gratifying.

Saskatchewan

In the province of Saskatchewan one would hardly expect to find a vineyard, yet Mr. Walter Shreeve of Prince Albert has one in miniature. Although the vines are young they withstood the storms of last winter and are doing well. The varieties are Ives and Concord.

While not on a large scale, Mr. Shreeve has demonstrated in many ways what can be grown in small fruits of all kinds. His strawberries and raspberries grow early and are on the market earlier than those many points further south. He grows a large assortment of vegetables as well and has green peas in the local market in early July.

Annapolis Valley, N. S.

R. J. Messenger

While ideal weather is giving the farmers an excellent opportunity to pick apples, it is feared that the extremely warm weather will injure the keeping qualities of our fruit. In almost all cases it is fully ripe. Nonpareils, Baldwins and even Bishop Hopkins leave the trees very easily. We have been highly favored in the absence of wind. In quality and coloring the fruit is excellent. Never before in the writer's memory, have we had such clean, highly colored fruit. I picked some Blenheims to-day (October 19) that were as highly colored as Kings. The crop is, in most cases, showing up beyond the estimates of last month, and a larger percentage than usual will pack.

Buyers are beginning to wake up. A steamer was loaded at Annapolis about the middle of October with Kings, Ribstons, and Baldwins principally. The prices paid were \$2.00 for Kings, \$1.75 for Blenheims and \$1.50 for other varieties. Some winter fruit has been bought for \$2.00 a barrel, packed, but the farmers are slow about taking this figure for their best varieties.

Picking is about done and apples are moving to warehouses. Barrels are very scarce; a natural outcome of the underestimation of the quantity.

The New Brunswick Cold Storage Co will receive quite a quantity of apples from this county. These will go into cold storage, be shipped across in season and sold in the English Markets.

The Horticultural Show at Kentville, in the opinion of authorities, excelled anything yet put upon the continent. The sound, sane judgment of Messrs. Smith and McNeill, who placed the awards, won the respect and admiration of all those who knew what commercial show apples ought to be.

Exhibition Dates Changed

The dates for the holding of the fifth annual Ontario Horticultural Exhibition have been moved forward one day, to enable the opening being held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 9. It is expected that the exhibition this year will eclipse any previous effort of the association and will be the largest exhibition of its kind ever held in America.

The exhibition has outgrown Massey Hall and will be held this year in the St. Lawrence Arena, King Street, East, Toronto. This is the building that has so successfully accommodated the Horse Show, the Automobile Show, and various other large public functions. The exhibition will continue during the entire week. Each evening there will be a programme in which the regimental bands of Toronto will take part.

The entrance to the Arena and the Arena itself will be lavishly decorated with bay trees, plants, flowers, fruit and bunting. In fact it will be almost impossible to recognize the building after the decorators have finished their work. The Arena will be divided into four parts for the showing of flowers, fruit, vegetables and honey. These sections will be divided by colonnades and arches. The effect of the whole will be one of the most pleasing sights, one could imagine. The decorated dining tables, set complete to seat eight persons, are expected to be one of the features of the exhibition. There is great rivalry among the Toronto decorators and caterers, to see who can set up the most artistic and correctly set dining table. This feature will attract thousands of ladies who are interested in matters of this nature. The whole building will be comfortably heated, and there will be free seats for those who wish to sit and enjoy the music and the beautiful flowers.

National Apple Show

Fifty thousand square feet of apples will be on display at Spokane, Wash., during the National Apple Show to be held in that city Dec. 7 to 12 of this year. It will be the largest exhibit of apples ever made and to house them, the big state armory building and an additional structure five times as large will be needed. Apples of all the standard winter varieties will be included in this display and every style of pack and wrap will be demonstrated.

Exhibits for the show are assured from all sections of the world where apples are grown successfully. North Carolina has established a cold storage plant for the collection of choice apples for the Spokane Exposition. British Columbia has appointed agents at Kelowna and other points in the fruit belt to collect apples for the National Show. Many inquiries also, have been received from Ontario and other Canadian provinces, and it is expected there will be a number of entries from this side of the boundary. There are two special contests for Canada, one having cash prizes of \$175

for the best two barrels or six boxes, one or more varieties, and the other is for the best exhibit of not less than three varieties of apples grown in the East Kootenay district of British Columbia, for which five acres of irrigated land is offered as first prize.

Manager H. J. Neely has made arrangements for the storage of apples received before the show opens, for which no charge will be made except in the carload contest. For this, a nominal fee will be charged.

Horticultural Program

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association will be held in the City Hall, Toronto, on November 10 and 11. The following program has been prepared:

NOVEMBER 10TH—AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.—President's Address. 2:30 p.m.—Report of Secretary-Treasurer. 3:00 p.m.—Report of Superintendent.

3:30 p.m.—"Laying Out and Planting of Small Gardens," (with diagrams), by Roderick Cameron, Assistant Park Commissioner, Toronto.

4:15 p.m.—"Window Boxes, Baskets and Rustic Stands," by Wm. Hunt, O. A. C., Guelph.

4:45 p.m.—"The Best Methods of Keeping Summer-Flowering Bulbs and Tuberous Plants," by J. McPherson Ross, Toronto.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 p.m.—"Some Gardens Visited in England and Scotland," by R. B. Whyte, Ottawa.

"The Civic Improvement Movement in Ontario," (with lantern slides), by Professor Hutt, O. A. C., Guelph.

NOVEMBER 11TH—MORNING SESSION

9:30 a.m.—Election of Officers.

10:00 a.m.—"The Necessity of an Increased Legislative Grant," by Mr. W. Burgoyne, St. Catharines.

10:30 a.m.—Question box, grievances, etc.

11:00 a.m.—"Results of Distribution of Flower Seeds to School Children," by Mr. C. A. Hesson, St. Catharines.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.—"Best Half-Hardy Tub Plants for Ornamentation of Grounds in Summer, and How to Keep Them During Winter," by Roderick Cameron, Toronto.

2:30 p.m.—"Perennial Borders," by W. T. Macoun, C. E. F., Ottawa.

3:00 p.m.—"Labor Saving Tools for Garden Work," by H. Simmers, Toronto.

3:30 p.m.—"Notes on Some New Peonies," by R. B. Whyte, Ottawa.

4:00 p.m.—"Increasing Membership," by a member of Galt or Brampton Society.

Vegetable Growers' Program

The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association will hold a one-day convention on Thursday, November 12 in Toronto during the week of the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition. The following is the program:

MORNING SESSION

9:00 a.m.—President's Address. 9:30 a.m.—Discussion on President's Address. 9:45 a.m.—Report of Secretary-Treasurer.

10:00 a.m.—Address on "Onion Growing Industry," by A. McMeans, O. A. C., Guelph.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.—"Notes on Irrigation," by W. T. Macoun, C. E. F., Ottawa.

2:30 p.m.—"Onions," by A. McKenney, Essex.

3:30 p.m.—"Tomatoes," by Mr. Turney, O. A. C., Guelph.

4:30 p.m.—"Combating Insects and Fungous Foes of Vegetables," by T. D. Jarvis, O. A. C., Guelph.