

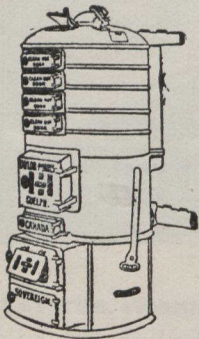
grown anywhere. The awards for the best collection of vegetables were placed as follows: 1st, W. Harris, Humber Bay; 2nd, Brown Bros., Humber Bay; 3rd, Ed. Brown, Wychwood Park; 4th, Geo. Baldwin, Toronto. Much improvement can be made in the manner of displaying these collections. There was nothing very attractive about them, other than the fact that they contained well grown specimens of the varieties shown. A large exhibit was made by the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association. It was composed of all kinds of vegetables and was most creditable.

In the floral department, the most striking features were the decorative floral displays. The landscape effects of all of these were excellent and also the quality and cleanliness of the plants used. Four of the groups showed quiet streams running through them; one produced a natural water fall, and one had no water effect. The awards were made in the following order: 1, T. Manton; 2, E. F. Collins; 3, Sir H. M. Pellatt; 4, J. Brant; 5, D. Robertson; 6, W. G. Potter. Space will not allow further mention of the floral exhibits except in the case of Campbell, of Simcoe, who showed a fine display of gladioli.

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Horticulture at Ottawa

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This year the exhibit in Horticultural Hall at Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, far excelled all previous records. A re-arrangement of the exhibits, was a decided improvement, and the display was so great that a tent had to be called into requisition to hold the roots. A very large display of apples was shown, Duchess, Wealthy, McIntosh and Fameuse predominating, but some exceedingly fine plates of other varieties were also shown, which proves that the Ottawa Valley can produce fine apples, especially of the kinds named, and a few others such as Alexanders, Wolf Rivers, Baxters, St. Lawrences, Langford Beautys, etc.

In the vegetable section, cabbages and cauliflowers were very good, the former being shown in large numbers. Tomatoes did not show up as well as they might, owing to the cold backward weather we have had. Potatoes were especially fine.

The largest exhibitor in fruits and vegetables was Mr. T. W. Trick, president of the local Vegetable Growers' Association, who won a large share of the leading prizes.

The Experimental Farm exhibit was a very creditable showing indeed. The decorative display was admirably accomplished; the arrangement of grains and grasses, with the many admonitions to the visiting farmers displayed on cards placed here and there through the display, being most interesting. The fruit shown in this exhibit was very attractive. Some 200 standard varieties of apples were shown as well as 50

promising varieties of seedlings of leading hardy standard varieties, largely of Wealthy. There were also 35 varieties of tomatoes, 25 of corn, 40 of plums, 20 of cucumbers, also vegetable marrows, peppers, egg plants, etc. A feature of the plum exhibit was the fact that they only showed one Domestic or European variety, and no Japanese. A few plates of Nigras, or native Canadians were shown, but mostly Americanas, which is the only type of plum that is reliable in the Ottawa Valley.

A tasty and interesting display was put up by the Ottawa Normal School, consisting of vegetables and flowers grown by the pupils in the school garden, and were a credit to the manager of this important part of the childrens' training, as well as to the pupils themselves.

British Columbia put up a wonderful display of plums, pears, apples, etc., which proves conclusively that their's is a great fruit country. If they could only put Ontario flavor into their fruit, the writer thinks he might go out there and go into fruit growing. Some Wealthy and Gravenstein apples put up by Stirling and Pitcairn, of Kelowna, and plums and pears put up by Progress Packing Co., of Victoria, were really beautiful to look at, and kept remarkably well.

The floral display was good, but considerable complaint was made by private exhibitors, that Government House and Public Works Department should be permitted to compete with the private exhibitors. Jas Cox, provincial representative of the Vegetable Growers' Association, cleaned up all the best premiums of gladioli.

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