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## THE HAMILTON SHOW.

In the fruit and flower show which will be held in Hamilton September 12, 13 and 14, the fruit growers of the Niagara district and the residents of Hamilton have a splendid opportunity of which they should take every advantage. Owing to the fact that the provincial horticultural exhibition, which is held in Toronto in November, is too late for many of the early fruits, it was decided this year to hold an earlier show in Hamilton. The show this month is intended to mainly benefit the fruit growers of the Niagara district and also many amateur flower growers. Whether or not it shall be made a permanent affair largely depends on the interest manifested in it by the growers and by the citizens of Hamilton.

The prize list is sufficiently liberal to offer strong inducement for the fruit growers of the Niagara district to show what their far famed section is capable of in the way of fruit production. With proper management and the requisite amount of enthusiasm this show can be made a splendid annual advertisement for the district it is principally designed to benefit.

As much will depend on the success of this first venture every person in any way interested should do his best to make it a success. In a matter of this kind a little work on the part of many will accomplish more than hard work on the part of a few.

## A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

Vegetable growers have long complained of the existing tariff arrangements which while shutting them out of the United States markets leaves them open to severe competition from the southern States. Carloads of vegetables are shipped from the south to Canadian cities, where they are often disposed of at prices below the cost of production in the centres where they are sold.

The fact that the tariff commission is to sit in leading centres, such as Toronto and Montreal, should be taken advantage of by the vegetable growers. While anything which will be likely to advance the price of vegetables will be certain to meet with strong opposition the vegetable growers have claims which deserve to be heard. By appointing a strong committee to prepare their case and, if necessary, by engaging a lawyer to present it, they should be able to impress both the commission and the public with the necessity for at least some change in existing conditions.

Every fruit grower in eastern Canada who can possibly do so should endeavor to attend some of the demonstrations in fruit packing that will be given during the next few weeks at different centres by the expert who is being brought from British Columbia. The great name California fruit has made for itself has been earned largely by the manner in which it has been packed. In this work, it has long been admitted, California has been able to give Canadian growers many pointers. If our growers lose this opportunity to gain suggestions for the improvement of their methods they are not the wide-awake men they are generally held to be.

The illustration in this issue showing the excellent work that has been accomplished this year by the Guelph Horticultural Society in improving the appearance of the hitherto almost ugly town hall draws attention to a line of work more horticultural societies could follow with advantage to themselves and the public. The improvement of neglected public places in this way will do much more for the cause of horticulture than a rather too free use, for instance, of society funds for the purchase of seeds and bulbs.

As soon as the Toronto exhibition is over the fruit, flower and vegetable growers of the province should set to work in earnest to get ready for the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition, which will be held in Toronto in November. The fact that the exhibition will this year be held in