

I believe it has been definitely decided to hold a large exhibition here next year, and if so this association will likely derive benefit therefrom. The number of entries this year 1,513, of which, from various causes, 309 did not put in an appearance. The display of plants was not as large as for a year or two past, but the explanation is easy when it is considered that owing to rebuilding and other causes some four of our very largest exhibitors were unable to show at all. These were Mr. Stanford, gardener to George Stephen, Esq. ; Mr. Laumillier, gardener to Wm. Lunn, Esq. ; Mr. Cameron, gardener at the late Mr. McKay's, and Mr. W. B. Davidson. Mr. Laumaillier was the largest winner of prizes at the exhibition last year, Mr. Cameron the previous year, and, I believe, Mr. Stanford a year or two previous, while Mr. Davidson is always a large exhibitor.

Mr. Beatrix, gardener to Andrew Allan, Esq., is the largest winner of prizes at this year's exhibition, and has received the largest amount of prize money ever paid a single exhibitor, viz., \$100.85. Mr. Spriggings comes second, and Mr. O'Hara third, while Mr. McGregor leads the amateurs.

The display of cut blossom was large, and some very good flowers were shown, the Messrs. Bell, of Quebec, carrying off a good many prizes for dahlias.

The display of fruit was very large, and probably the fullest average display ever made in Montreal. The apple crop has not been a good one this year, but certainly some very splendid specimens were shown, and for plates of single varieties and collections up to twelve varieties, the competition was exceedingly keen.

The display of out-door grapes was large, but owing to the unfavourable season many varieties were not fully ripened. Mr. Graham, of New Edinburgh, was awarded the Society's diploma and \$20 for the best collection.

The show of plums was very fine, indeed, and some varieties, such as those shown by Mr. Jas. Brown, are not often seen on exhibition tables in Montreal.

Some fine peaches were shown, and the display of hothouse grapes was good, though not as large as it would have been had the season been more favourable. Mr. Beatrix carried off the chief prize of \$25 for the best bunch in this class.

The display of vegetables was good, and that of potatoes particularly fine, Mr. Hughes, of Cote des Neiges, showing a number of new varieties, for which he was awarded a special prize.

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