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Of out door grapes, 116 plates were shown. The largest collection contained 40 varieties. The season was unusually favorable. Late varieties like Jefferson and Lady Washington ripened well. Only Brant and Othello were acid and uneatable. Of pears 15 plates; of plums 17 plates; melons 25 plates; making a total of 586 plates of fruit. The Association also competed in Montreal for "county collection" and obtained first prize.

The floral designs and bouquets were a credit to the ladies, and the pot-plants were well grown.

Ornamental trees were represented by a collection of over one hundred named varieties of foreign maples, basswoods, poplars, birches, &c., from Asia and Europe, including many from Siberia, Mongolia, Turkestan, Dahuria and Amur. Samples of these trees from 6 inches to 6 feet in height were planted in earth, and formed an interesting group for study and comparison.

To induce the study of our native trees prizes were offered for tree seed. The best way to study trees is to make a collection of their seeds. Three collections were shown of 65, 71, and 48, varieties, including native and foreign species and grafted varieties.

The large numbers who gather at our exhibitions is due mainly to the success of all former exhibitions held by the Association. During the first 4 or 5 exhibitions held at Abbotsford, there was a great and pressing need throughout the country for such exhibitions. Now they are overdone. Hence our gatherings are more local than they were.

By permission of the Council of Agriculture no exhibition will be held at Abbotsford in September next.

The Society has entered largely into experimental work, as may be seen from our former reports, introducing fruit trees from Russia, Germany and the Western States. Besides this, all available spare wood from new varieties, for two years, was cut and sent to the Iowa Agricultural College to be root grafted. These are now growing at Abbotsford and it is expected that a distribution will be made next October to the members of the Association consisting of about 500 or 600 trees, viz., Russian and German pears and cherries, and Russian and Northwestern American plums.

The Association feel that they are increasing their usefulness by thus changing their plan of work year by year.

SHEFFORD COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fruit Growers' Association of the County of Shefford held its Seventh Annual Exhibition on the 13th and 14th of September last, in the Town Hall, Granby. The attendance on the second day was large, and the show in some respects the best yet held. The display of fruit, however, was hardly up to former years, the large list of prizes in this class having seemed to fail to induce competition from a distance, and with a hope of furthering this end and encouraging greater competition and a larger exhibit, the directors have increased still more the prizes for fruit at our coming fall exhibition. The display of vegetables and flowers was superior to other years. The large tent built for the former being completely filled, while the fine commodious upper hall made a