

Messrs. Bruce Walker and C. F. Roland, are entitled to the entire credit for the most creditable thing that has been carried out in Western Canada for many years.

ject as the wheat is at the inspection point of Winnipeg, but it is of the very first importance that the prairie provinces should have an eye-opener of the kind, as they

Stillwell Trophy. Another feature of the Salmon Arm contribution was the fine specimens of "Tokay" and "Thompson's Seedless" grapes—grown out of doors.

The Salmon Arm apples certainly did not suffer by comparison with anything in the show. This district seems to be specializing on a number of popular varieties which find a ready market in the prairie provinces; among these the "Northern Spies," which it is affirmed are equal in every respect to the eastern product of the same apple. Others are the "Winter Banana," "Grimes' Golden," "Wealthy," "Jonathan," "McIntosh Red," etc. The district seems to be in luck's way in its competitive efforts, as for two years running at the great B.C. Provincial Show held at New Westminster, it has taken first prize for best district display of general fruits.

#### The Similkameen

This most Southern and possibly the most salubrious of all B.C.'s wonderful valleys is making a splendid bid for recognition

Apple Show opened its doors. For this reason it was impossible in the short interval to send a large quantity to Winnipeg but the exhibition units that were shown were really worthy of a first rank in any fruit exposition.

Apples only were shown, but they gave assurance that any soil and conditions which can grow these to such perfection of quality and appearance is capable of producing anything in sub-tropical fruits. The "Twenty Ounce Pippins" of this exhibit were probably the most attractive apples in the entire show, and they were magnificently backed up with representations of the "Winter Pearmain," "Yellow Newtown," "North-West Greening," "Winter Banana," "Spitzenberg," "Jonathan," "Wealthy," "Ben Hur," and the "Richter Banana," the latter being a new variety produced on his own ranch by the late Frank Richter. Mr. Richter's name is a household word in the B.C. fruit world. He came to the valley some forty years ago and settled at Kere-meos on one of its choicest morsels. In conjunction with his cattle raising he indulged in a hobby for horticulture, and in this connection his record in a quiet, intelligent and wholly unostentatious way, probably beats anything that has been done in outdoor fruit culture in British Columbia.

#### Kootenay

The Kootenay district was well represented, but in a commercial exhibit only, sent in by the Nelson Board of Trade. It was, however, an extremely fine display, consisting as it did not only of choice fruits for which the district has established a great name for itself, but also by the fine collection of minerals, all of which, we believe, are being turned over



First for Vegetables: F. W. Hack, Grand Vital.

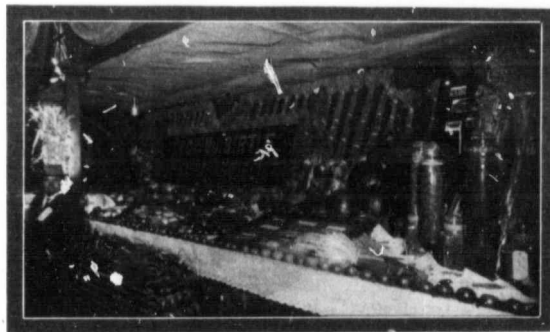
If language and pictorial embellishment could adequately express one's appreciation of a fine conception materialized in masterly style, we would gladly give up the entire space of this magazine; and the more cheerfully if by any chance this might have the effect of realising what these men work for all the time, the development of an opportunity that has no parallel in the world's history.

A note of acknowledgement is due to the railways in removing, for the time at least, certain transportation obstacles between far distant points and the City of Winnipeg. In this connection it is due to Mr. Ussher, of the C.P.R., to say that he was the man who imported the "apple" into the show, without which it would have been a somewhat lame affair, (to the visiting public at least), and which, after all, will probably figure in the productive history of the Dominion one of these days on a scale of scarcely smaller importance than its great cereal and timber crop.

It was the first experiment of the kind for the Dominion. Canada had not previously held an all-Canadian exhibition of the products of the farms of the Dominion big enough and broad enough to fit the greatness of the country, and it was peculiarly appropriate that it should be held in Winnipeg. What Winnipeg means to the grain crop is seen at once, but the special fitness of bringing those splendid shipments of specimen fruits from the coast is not apparent at first sight.

The bulk of these competitive fruit shows have been too exclusively confined to the district in which they are grown. It isn't so needful to exhibit for advertising purposes in the heart of the district where the fruit is grown and is as common an ob-

are to provide the best market for a long time to the fruit growers, and those whose interests are bound up with the development of the still unused lands are look-



First for District Display of Natural Resources. Birtle Agricultural Society.

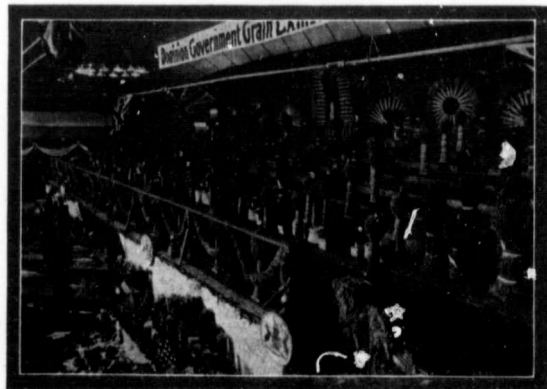
ing to the same source for recruits of the type they would wish to enlist.

#### British Columbia

The coast province carried the palm for its magnificent demonstration of fruit and vegetables, not only as to bulk but in quality, variety and effective display. Its vegetable products were wonderful and the fish models formed a welcome relief to the continuous lines of fruit boxes and were the "happy thought" of a really bright idea.

Salmon Arm won easily first honors for the best display of apples made by any district in Canada. It was a most imposing as it was the most artistic setting of the entire fruit show, and was designed and executed by Mr. F. W. Clingan. A box of potatoes (the celebrated "Scab-proof") in this exhibit drew a large amount of admiring comment. These represented the fine-skinned variety which received the highest score in the New York Land Show of 1911, when B.C. won the

no other claim than what it can do in intensive fruit culture. A very large percentage of this season's apple product in the



Dominion Government's Own Display.

Similkameen had found its way to the Australian market, one grower alone having shipped some 800 boxes but a short time before the Canada Land and

to the permanent exhibit of the Industrial Bureau.

#### Manitoba

But if B.C. has done justice to