

man from any of these divisions, who is interested in the growth of fruits or flowers, and shows that he has practical knowledge of the same, has before him the possibility of office in the Association, and of influence in the conduct of its meetings.

THE SECRETARY appreciates the honor and confidence reposed in him in his appointment to such an important and responsible a post as that which includes, not only the secretary-treasurership of the Association, but also the editorship of the *Canadian Horticulturist*.

This latter department of the work he takes up with some hesitation, because he has to succeed a gentleman of such acknowledged ability and wide culture, and one who has so ably conducted this journal during the nine years of its publication.

We have no doubt that we express the feelings of every reader of this magazine, when we say that Dr. D. W. Beadle's retirement from the editorship is a matter of the greatest regret and disappointment. We are happy to say, however, that he has most kindly promised us the favor of his valuable assistance at any time, an offer of which we shall not be slow to avail ourselves.

MEMBERS OF THE F. G. ASSOCIATION, and readers generally, please show us your favor both by contributing items of interest, and by securing long lists of new subscribers. Enlargements and many improvements depend upon a large circulation. This magazine is not published in the interest, or for the pecuniary advantage, of any individual. The revenue above the legitimate expenses is devoted to the interests of the whole membership. We only await the necessary means in order to carry out the many plans in contemplation for increasing the attractiveness,

as well as the usefulness, of "*The Canadian Horticulturist*."

PRIZE FRUIT.

THE PRIZE FRUIT AT THE TORONTO FAIR certainly made a fine display in every department, excepting that of peaches, in which it was necessarily a lamentable failure. Even the favoured Niagara district, from which almost the only specimens came, had very little to show, and with that little easily carried off the prizes.

Some very fine specimens of the Lord Palmerston peach was shown from Toronto, but they were grown under glass at Sir D. McPherson's, North Toronto. One of them weighed nearly ten ounces, and the total weight of eight was four pounds and two ounces. This peach is mentioned in *Meehan's Gardener's Monthly*, December, 1873, as being then a new seedling raised by Lord Rivers, which was remarkably well adapted for house culture. Mention is there made of one grown in a twelve-inch pot in a greenhouse in England that measured twelve and a quarter inches in circumference.

The show of Grapes was capital, and it may be interesting to some of our readers to know to what varieties the first prizes were awarded by the judges. For twelve varieties (open air) the following is the list, viz.:—Rogers 3, 4, 19, 43, 44, Sweet Water, August Giant, Iona, Allen's Hybrid, Prentiss, Delaware and Hartford Prolific. They were grown by S. Burner, Hamilton. The same gentleman also took the first prize on the six varieties with Rogers' 3, 30, 43, 44, Prentiss and Allen's Hybrid.

Mr. A. M. Smith showed some magnificent samples of the famous Niagara, which attracted much notice.

The display of Plums was very fine, especially of the Pond's Seedling, an excellent English plum and one of the