

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR—III.



IN this immense Horticultural Building, 1,000 feet long and 250 feet broad, is the headquarters of the fruit growers and florists of this enormous Fair. Underneath the great dome, and stretching each way in the two front curtains, is to be seen a wealth of valuable plants, tree ferns, etc., so numerous as to give one the impression of a tropical climate.

One of the two great wings is devoted to viticulture, the other to vegetables, canned goods, seeds, etc., and the rear curtains connecting them contain our pomological exhibit. It is creditable to Canada that she is able to show by a far larger collection of fruit than any one State. One-sixth of the whole space, devoted to pomology is taken by us and creditably filled.

Passing through the centre of the building and then turning to the right, the visitor cannot be mistaken when he reaches the Canadian Court, for the word **CANADA**, in immense gilt letters, is very prominent, while arches with gilt letters of smaller size, indicate the various provincial exhibits. Our whole space is about 100 feet long and 52 feet wide, and has four tables throughout the full length, on which are erected several fine pyramids for holding jars of fruit.

Ontario, Canada's leading province, occupies nearly one-half of this court. Richer and more independent than the others, she has come forward liberally with her money, and relieved the Dominion by building her own tables, arch and office, and by furnishing three good men to care for same, viz., Mr. A. H. Pettit, the Provincial Superintendent; Mr. Orr, Assistant; and Mr. Brodie. Her exhibit is a most creditable one, thanks to Mr. Pettit's earnest and persevering efforts. Of fresh apples of 1892, Ontario shows 38 varieties—the leading ones for the commercial orchard—and a display of 555 plates kept in cold storage at a temperature of 33° above zero.

Her bottled fruits show up more varieties than any other exhibit. Oregon and Washington are more showy with jars of larger apples and pears, but their exhibit does not compare with the extent of Ontario's collection of varieties of all kinds of fruits. A list will be of sufficient interest to insert here, just as it was furnished us by Mr. Pettit :

Fruits.	No. of Varieties.	No. of Jars.
Strawberries	64	129
Cherries	16	85
Currants	6	70
Gooseberries	20	75