

HORTICULTURE.

The fruit which will be shown in this building from Canada will doubtless do much to dispel the erroneous ideas which still prevail in many quarters regarding the climates of this country. Eight thousand square feet has been assigned for a display of Canadian fruits and vegetables. Most of the Provinces have entered heartily into this work, and by employing men specially qualified have succeeded in bringing together very large collections of both fresh and preserved specimens. The softer and more perishable sorts have been preserved in handsome glass jars, of which the Executive Commissioner has selected a great variety of patterns, having visited most of the large manufacturers in the United States for this purpose. In these jars the fruit is placed in antiseptic fluids prepared in accordance with instructions issued by the Dominion Commission.

In the Province of Ontario the work of collecting and preserving the fruits has been under the charge of Mr. A. H. Pettit, of Grimsby, President of the Fruit Growers Association of Ontario. In Quebec the work has been done by Mr. A. Hamilton, and Mr. R.W. Shepard, Jr., of Montreal. In Nova Scotia it has been placed in the hands of Mr. J. W. Bigelow, of Wolfville, President of the Fruit Growers Association of Nova Scotia, and in British Columbia it has been undertaken by Mr. E. Hutcherson, a well known fruit expert of that Province. About 3,000 glass jars of all sizes have been filled with fruits, most of which will, it is expected, under the conditions mentioned, preserve their natural appearance in a marked degree. This collection will, in itself, form a very handsome exhibit, but in addition to this a large quantity of very choice later keeping apples and pears have been collected and sent forward in their fresh natural condition to Chicago, where arrangements have been made by the Executive Commissioner for their preservation in the storage chambers of the Produce Cold Storage Exchange. There they will be kept in an even temperature a little above freezing, until required for exhibition, when it is expected they will be taken out firm and fresh. Ontario has sent 81 half barrels, and one barrel of apples, and two casks of pears; Quebec, 163 boxes of apples; Nova Scotia, 100 boxes of apples and pears; Prince Edward Island, 13 boxes of apples and pears. There has also been received from New Brunswick, through Mr. E. A. Charters, one box of apples, and one box from the Tuscarora and Rice Lake Indian Reserves. To these must be added a large consignment, weighing about two tons, shortly to be forwarded from British Columbia.

Large stores of excellent samples of well grown field roots and vegetables have also been placed with the Cold Storage Company for preservation. To this collection Ontario has contributed 25