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THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION

GREAT was the success of the second annual Ontario Horticultural Exhibition held in Massey Hall, Toronto, November 14-18. The total number of entries was more than double the number made last year, and the interest shown in the exhibition was much more marked. This exhibition promises to become an annual event of national importance and will be of great value in advancing the horticultural interests of the country.

The exhibits of fruit were more than twice as numerous as last year and the quality was much superior. It was the best exhibition of the kind ever held in Canada. The display of flowers was a revelation. While the number of entries was but little larger than last year, the character of the blooms was much superior. Experts pronounced it the finest exhibition of flowers ever seen in the Dominion and one of the best ever held on the continent. This year, for the first time, prizes were offered for vegetables, and the results were most gratifying. Over 300 entries were made and the excellent quality of the exhibits and the attractive manner in which they were displayed made this one of the best features. The apiarists maintained the high standard of the exhibition by a very fine display of honey. As a combined show it is doubtful if the exhibition has ever been surpassed by any other ever held on the continent. When it is remembered that this was only the

second attempt the splendid success of the effort will be realized.

The exhibition was formally opened on the afternoon of the first day by Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, who showed clearly that he realizes the vast importance of the horticultural interests of the province and that he is anxious to promote them. Speeches were made by Mayor Urquhart, of Toronto; Mr. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines; Mr. A. N. Brown, of Wyoming, Del., and by one or two others.

Five conventions were held during the exhibition. Most of them were largely attended and all were important. They included the annual convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, the first annual convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, a pomological convention, a gathering of representatives from the horticultural societies of the province, and the Bee Keepers' convention. Over 300 people holding standard railway certificates attended one or more of these meetings. This is an evidence of the interest taken in them.

GATE RECEIPTS SMALL.

In only one way was the exhibition disappointing. That was in the attendance of the citizens of Toronto. On this account the gate receipts were several hundred dollars less than it was hoped they would be and caused a deficit the directors have since had considerable difficulty in overcoming.