

in obtaining prizes must have been both gratifying and encouraging to him. The society has certainly made a step in the right direction, and the prizes offered for apples might be increased with great advantage to the country and also to the society. It is satisfactory to know that a good many amateurs were both exhibitors and winners of prizes. It is most desirable for the welfare of the society that amateur growers should become interested in it, and if prizes were offered for single plates of different varieties of apples, or best bunch of different varieties of out-door grapes much would be done to obtain that object. The Ontario Fruit-Growers' Association offer prizes, as I have suggested, and in the new work we have marked out for ourselves to do we can learn much from their experience. The display of plants, bouquets, floral ornaments, &c., shown by amateurs, was exceedingly creditable. Mr. Dickson, of Point St. Charles, was the most successful, having obtained \$53.25 in prizes. One lady amateur, it is gratifying to note, was successful in obtaining prizes both in the gardeners' as well as the amateur class.

They should by all means be encouraged in this, and I would suggest that a certain sum of money be placed at the disposal of a committee of ladies to offer in prizes for competition by ladies exclusively, those exhibiting being allowed to compete in these classes on payment of a nominal fee, which should include admission to the exhibition.

The competition in many of the sections was severe, and about eleven-twelfths of the prize list offered was absorbed in paying the prizes awarded, which is an unusually large proportion. The prizes of a piece of plate valued at \$20 offered to the winner of the largest number of 1st prizes in the amateur and gardener class, were awarded to Messrs. Jas. Dickson and W. B. Davidson respectively.

The Dominion elections taking place during the exhibition, very materially reduced the receipts from tickets sold at the door. The different railway and steamboat companies kindly reduced their fares to those desiring to visit the show, and every effort was made to give publicity to it, but the excitement was so great