

spaces, ranges of open sheds built side by side, and whose principal shelter would be the roof, would probably be the best adapted of all for horticultural exhibitions. Certainly, the plants shown this year were less injured than ever before. Some might object that sufficient protection was not afforded from theft and loss of valuable plants in such buildings. When police, however, are constantly on duty day and night, as they are at the society's and other shows, very little danger need be apprehended on this score. The society's exhibitions are only frequented, for the most part, by the better class of the community. A considerable quantity of fruit was growing in the lots adjoining the exhibition grounds this year, but none was touched, though the lots were actually part of the same property. On the first evening of the exhibition, the electric light suddenly went out, through some slight accident to the machinery; but though some 1,500 to 2,000 people were present, not even a plate of fruit was disturbed. The audience deserve not a little credit for their coolness and presence of mind in remaining where they stood, and thus avoiding what might have led to an accident. Mr. Lavigne, the leader of the city band who was present on the occasion, should not be forgotten, as his action in causing his band to play a lively air, tended to re-assure the people. The exhibition as a whole, was probably, as far as the plants were concerned, the best ever held. A very fine exhibit of palms was made by H. Mattock, gardener to Mr. R. B. Angus, for which a special prize was awarded. They occupied a large table near the entrance, and were a very attractive feature. The palms exhibited by Mr. Doyle from the conservatory of Mr. Elmenhurst, were also very fine, and in that particular class the exhibition was much ahead of anything shown here before. A magnificent collection of plants was also shown by Mr. Betrix, gardener to Mr. Andrew Allan. Among the other large exhibitors may be named Mr. Laughton, gardener to Mr. Mackay; Mr. Spriggings, Mount Royal Cemetery Co., Mount Royal Park; Mr. Pinoteau, gardener to Mr. O'Hara, and Mr. Trussell, gardener to Mr. H. R. Molson. Mr. Colin Campbell had a large exhibit of bouquets, floral designs, etc., and carried off several first prizes. The table on which all the bouquets, floral designs, etc., were exhibited was, as it always is, a most attractive feature of the exhibition. The introduction this year of prizes for six party and six corsage bouquets, produced a larger number of bouquets than usual. The tendency of the times is to spend large amounts of money on floral decorations, and very large prizes are offered at leading exhibitions in the United States in this particular line. The result is that some large and really magnificent specimens of the florist's art are produced, worthy of being a leading feature in any show. A tempting prize in this line might produce something very much finer than has yet been exhibited in Montreal. Among the plants shown by the amateurs this year, might be found some really fine specimens, those shown by Mr. F. W. Burdon being specially worthy of note; he having obtained no less than twenty-two first prizes, carrying off the largest amount of prize money in the amateur class.

The show of vegetables was good, and in some classes the number of entries was large and the competition keen. The show of honey was small; and it is somewhat strange that a larger number of exhibits do not enter for the prizes offered by the Society, if only with a view of bringing this important product before the attention of buyers in the largest market in the Dominion.

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