

Horticultural.

Toronto Horticultural Society.

THE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The last exhibition for this year of the Horticultural Society in their Gardens, Gerrard street. The weather was fine, though, before the sun went down, exceedingly warm. The attendance, considering the attractions, and the large number who have visited previous shows, was small. In the evening, when the temperature was pleasant, and the lamps were lit, the largest numbers were there, and to judge by the merry peals of laughter which ever and anon rang through the darkness, the folks enjoyed themselves amazingly. The exhibition was not a large one, but in quality, the fruits, flowers, plants and vegetables shown have never been excelled in Toronto, at this season of the year. Perhaps the grapes attracted as much attention as anything else. The people hung around them with their eyes, as they were not permitted to do so with their teeth. The most luscious and beautiful specimens came from the vineries of Mr. Eccles and Mr. Gzowski. The exhibition of cut flowers was very fine; the colours good, and the specimen placed on view numerous. The collection of bouquets was perhaps the best, though certainly not the largest, offered at any exhibition of the Society. There has been considerable improvement during the last three years in the making of bouquets. Our florists are beginning to understand that there is something more necessary to this than the mere tying up of a bunch of flowers. They must be carefully assorted, the colours contrasted or blended one with the other, "violent" hues must be subordinated, and the best flowers made prominent, without at the same time placing the rest out of sight. These requirements have to a great extent been met, but there is room for improvement. One of the most tastily "set up" bouquets was exhibited by Mr. George Tattle. It consisted merely of wild flowers gathered from Canadian woods and fields, but looked very beautiful. Fall flowers, such as astorias, phloxes, verbenas, asters, dahlias, &c., were plentiful, and well grown—the phloxes especially being very fine. Stove and green house plants amongst which were some new varieties, were exhibited by Hon. I. C. Morrison and Hon. S. B. Harrison. Apples, pears and plums, celery, cauliflowers, parsnips and onions occupied considerable space, and formed a good representation of Canadian vegetables. The judges found their duties very onerous, and had more than ordinary difficulty in deciding between the merits of many rival claimants at their hands. Having discharged their duties, however, they with the Committee adjourned to lunch. When justice

had been done to the eatables, the chairman Hon. G. W. Allen, in proposing the health of the judges, remarked that in order to avoid jealousy among exhibitors, the judges were brought from a distance, so that no charge of partiality or of partiality could be preferred against them. Mr. Miller of Guelph, responded for the healths of the active and attentive secretary of the Society, Mr. J. C. Small; and of the liberal President, Mr. Allen, was also drawn. Mr. Humphries kindly entertained the company with a few good songs, interspersed between his speeches. We nearly forgot to mention that the band of the 30th was in the Gardens' day. During the evening they played a variety of popular pieces, which were greatly enjoyed by the company.—*Globe*.

Dwarf Apple Trees, once more.

EDITOR OF THE AGRICULTURIST,—Friend Wenden's last article in the *Agriculturist* about Dwarf Apple Trees, would seem to demand a reply more lengthy and pointed than I have present either time or inclination to devote to. With your permission, however, I will again venture to make a few remarks, not in defence of those Nurserymen in Rochester or Toronto, who have "humbugged" Mr. Wenden, but in defence of those charming objects of the fruit garden viz. Apple Trees upon the Paradise stock.

To state in the outset that such trees are hardy, will generally bear much earlier, and grow much slower than when grafted upon the common apple stock, would be only to repeat what every Horticultural and Agricultural Journal both in Europe and America, have stated again and again. If Mr. Wenden denies this, why must he agree to differ. After all his cry of humbug, however, he says:

"Now I do not say that there is not such thing as a Dwarf Apple Tree as described, but unfortunately for me, I have not got them. Surely Mr. Editor, the trees are not to blame: Dwarf Apple Trees are such, whether Mr. Wenden has them or not; and his crying humbug cannot alter the character of the trees in the least. If any nurserymen have cheated Mr. Wenden, let the persons be named and blamed, but let not genuine Dwarf Apple Trees be called a humbug. Mr. Wenden says, 'I hope Mr. Arnold will take pity on us and send me genuine Dwarf Apple Trees.' No, friend Wenden, Mr. Arnold will do no such thing, he has too much feeling for his Dwarf Apple Tree to submit them to your, 'continual warfare pruning, cutting back, pinching and nipping.' The fact is, Sir, that apple trees dwarfed, in sixteen varieties out of twenty, require scarcely nipping, pinching or pruning; but like the rebels in the South, all they ask is to be let alone. Why, Mr. Editor, if I should send Mr. Wenden