

The Niagara District Horticultural Exhibition

The Niagara District Horticultural Exhibition, that was held in St. Catharines September 14 and 16, was a credit to the great fruit centre in which it took place. There were fine displays of fruit, flowers and vegetables, the exhibit of flowers being particularly fine. The exhibit of fruit in commercial packages was not as large as in former years. This was due largely to the fact that the St. Catharines Cold Storage Company was unable to make an exhibit because of the shipment of peaches it was making to the Old Country. Aside from this the exhibition, in other respects, was considerably ahead of all previous efforts.

Two very fine displays of fruit were made, one by S. D. Furringer and the other by W. H. Bunting in competition for the prize given by M. F. Rittenhouse, of Chicago. While more taste was displayed by Mr. Bunting in his exhibit, Mr. Furringer's collection was the larger of the two and won the first prize, Mr. Bunting's exhibit taking second.

A very fine display of plants and flowers, as well as semi-tropical trees, including acacia, bay and fig, was made by the Niagara Falls Park Commission under the direction of Mr. Moore, the new head gardener. Seven employees of the park were required to group this display.

An exhibit that attracted much attention was one of preserved fruits in glass jars by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is intended that this exhibit shall be displayed in foreign countries. The jars contained not only the fruit but the foliage and branches as well. All were in perfect condition. The display attracted much attention.

SOCIETY EXHIBIT

The fine silver trophy offered by the St. Catharines Horticultural Society to the

horticultural society in the province making the best exhibit of flowers such as hydrangeas, Phlox Drummondii, asters, geraniums and so forth brought out entries from Toronto and Galt societies that did both societies credit. The Toronto society won the cup, but will have to win it again before it will become its permanent property.

The contest for the best decorated tables had seven entries. The prizes were won by Mrs. Edward Gander, Mrs. James A. Wiley, Mrs. A. E. Malcolmson and Mrs. E. Snider. On Mrs. Gander's table there was a delicate arrangement of pink asters and maiden ferns in a basket and a tray with white trailing clematis at the corners.

The prizes offered for the best collection of vegetables were won by S. D. Furringer and F. F. Reeves. As this exhibition does not receive a direct government grant its officers are deserving of hearty commendation on the great success it has achieved.

Ontario Peaches in England

The Ontario Government agent in London, England, N. B. Colcock, has cabled the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, Mr. C. C. James, that the first shipment of Ontario peaches to England arrived in excellent condition. When placed for sale on Covent Garden it was eagerly sampled by the dealers. This fruit was grown near the Experimental Station at Jordan, Ontario, and was packed by P. W. Hodgetts, Director of the Fruit Division of the Department of Agriculture.

It is reported that this fruit brought the highest prices of any of the same class sold at the same time. A despatch by the Canadian Associated Press reported that

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