

The character of the exhibits showed conclusively that the society is doing great work for the city. Among other things, it conducted a kitchen garden competition during the past season which created much interest and enthusiasm.

The Kincardine Horticultural Society held its annual flower show early in September. Visitors pronounced it the best of all former exhibits. The society is doing good work for the town. The secretary is Mr. Jos. Barker, now 83 years of age and remarkable for his energy and enthusiasm in the work.

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association will be held in the City Hall, Toronto, on Nov. 10 and 11. Important and interesting papers will be read and discussed. For a copy of the program, write to the secretary, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

The annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec will be held at Macdonald College on Dec. 2 and 3, 1908. A fruit exhibit will be held. Prizes will be given for the best five and the best 20 varieties and for the best seedling. The secretary is Mr. Peter Reid, Chateauguay Basin, Que.

At a meeting of the executive committee of The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association held at the Canadian National Exhibition, it was decided to hold their annual convention on Thursday, Nov. 12th. An excellent program has been prepared, copies of which may be obtained by writing to the secretary, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

Some excellent specimens of tomatoes were sent to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST about the middle of September from Saskatchewan. They were forwarded by Mr. G. T. Barley of Prince Albert. Although green at time of arrival, they ripened nicely in the course of a few days and showed that market gardening, as far as tomato growing is concerned at any rate, can be successfully carried on in that province.

The apple crop of Ontario has decreased considerably during the past month on account of the extreme drought that prevailed. Winter fruit is maturing rapidly, however, and will be of large size and clean. It is probable that the crop in Nova Scotia will be larger than predicted and the quality will be good. A large crop is expected also in British Columbia. A large number of reports have been received from crop correspondents but space will not allow their publication.

The staff of Dominion fruit inspectors has been substantially increased for this season by the appointment of additional inspectors. An inspector will be stationed at Port Arthur and Fort William who will watch shipments to other points between the Soo and Winnipeg. It is intended to give particular attention to shipments in bond via the Niagara River. Shippers using this route are warned that it may be necessary to detain cars at the frontier in order to make a proper inspection.

The fall bulb catalogue being sent out this year by the Steele, Briggs Seed Co., shows a marked improvement over any previous bulb catalogue issued by this firm. On the outside are printed splendid half-tone illustrations of beds of tulips and hyacinths in full bloom. There are a greater number of illustrations used on the inside than is usually seen in a bulb catalogue. This firm evidently appreciates the fact that a well illustrated catalogue creates

a better impression on the reader and greatly increases the sales. This catalogue will be sent free upon request to readers of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST was favored recently with a few baskets of peaches and grapes from the fruit farm of Carpenter Bros., Fruitland, Ont. If all the fruit grown by the Messrs. Carpenter is as high grade in quality and size as the specimens that we received, other fruit growers of that district will have to keep moving to hold their own. As yet, however, we have had no opportunity of judging of the quality of their products. Many thanks to Carpenter Bros.

I do not think that one can find a more ideal spot in British Columbia for fruit growing than the district around Robson. It has a fine southern exposure and the land is good. With good cultivation, there is sufficient rain fall to make irrigation unnecessary. I planted potatoes the last week of May and commenced using them at the end of July. I had ripe tomatoes about Aug. 20 from out door plants. I am pleased to notice that THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST is devoting considerable space to British Columbia horticulture.—Walter P. Mickle, Robson, B. C.

Montreal

E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector

Up to Sept. 12th, about 10,000 barrels of apples have gone forward to Scotland and England from Montreal. The largest portion of these were Duchess and of course in big three-bushel barrels. I wonder if our standard bushel box, would not be better for fruit so tender. Temperatures varied from centre of barrels to shed temperature, 18 degrees,—60 shed, 78 fruit. How long would this variety stand this temperature? Forty-eight hours would ruin it. Boxes from any point to centre would cool quicker and retain their firmness. I sold Duchess apples, No. 1 quality in Cork, Ireland, 1902, in standard bushel boxes at \$2.50. Better Duchess than I had sold here at 20 cents a bushel.

Co-operation is especially advantageous in early apple packing. Have a large ice

house attached to your packing house. In the packing house, have four tanks holding a ton of ice each; fill them; close up building for 12 hours; then bring in your Duchess and have them packed in cool air, and not move a box until the car is well iced to receive them. You will find that they will land well on the other side and bring good money. Ice can be laid in by co-operative work at a very small cost.

Remember that the Duchess apple must have considerable color before picking; not ripe, but hard and red. If only half colored, they are so immature that the color itself is only half matured and half set, and as the apples soften, the color becomes almost extinct.

The apples arriving are of superior quality, and, the eight-hoop barrels, from Colborne and Brighton district are a very superior make. I have inspected about 25 cars so far and have not seen a barrel broken open. It pays to use good eight-hoop barrels.

On the island of Montreal, apples are developing in size and color, notwithstanding it is very dry. Apples maturing in dry weather will keep much better than if the season was very wet.

Crawford peaches arriving from Grimsby and St. Catharines are of exceptionally good quality, largely honestly packed. The result is good honest prices—75 cents to \$1.00 for an 11-quart basket.

Saskatchewan

Geo. T. Barley

The 25th annual exhibition of the Lorne Agricultural Society was held in Prince Albert on August 18th and 19th. The exhibits and the attendance showed a marked improvement over preceding years. The flowers, plants, fruits, and other departments belonging to the ladies were good. Butter, grains, grain in sheaf, vegetables, and a nice horticultural exhibit made a good display.

The other features of the exhibition were excellent. The management are to be complimented upon the success of the show. It is probable that the exhibition will be held for three days next year.

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