

ple in the rational improvement of the garden and orchard. This arrangement could be effected without costing the Societies either time or money, as the Directors from the various Districts might be appointed to that office; and the day on which the entries were to be made might be profitably spent in examining fruits, in discussing the comparative qualities of the several varieties, in condemning those that are inferior and uncertain bearers, in recommending those that have proved themselves adapted to the country and in every respect worthy of cultivation, in suggesting practical hints on the most improved systems of managing orchard and garden fruits, and in imparting to each other, and through the publication of their annual reports, the public generally, the most certain remedies for the destruction of insects injurious to fruits; and, in fact, in rendering, as far as practicable, the various branches of fruit culture to exact and well defined principles.

The greatest number of choice varieties of apples exhibited by a Canadian cultivator were grown by Mr. W. Neckell, of the vicinity of Cobourg; and the next lot, in point of quality and quantity, were grown by Mr. Thomas, of the village of Colborne. By far the greatest number of choice varieties of apples were exhibited by the enterprising Messrs. Allwanger, Barry, and Rowe, proprietors of the Mount Hope Nursery, Rochester, in the State of New York, which of course were not entered for competition, but were simply brought forward for exhibition, for the purpose of introducing their extensive Nursery Establishment to the notice of the Canadian community. This respectable firm have been connected with Mr. George Leslie's nursery business for the past four years; which connexion, however, is amicably dissolved; and Mr. Leslie having procured all the best varieties cultivated, and perfected arrangements for procuring new ones as they from time to time are ushered into notice, a full and complete assortment of the choicest fruit trees may be had at the Toronto Nursery, each warranted to be true to their sorts, at as low a price as can be had in any part of the United States.

Among the table fruits were three lots of grapes, of the choicest varieties, and of a most delicious quality, grown by Mr. Gray, of Toronto. In their growth they were protected from the frosts and inclemency of the weather by glass; and in bringing them forward to maturity, no artificial heat whatever

was employed. Good judges were free in giving their opinions in most unmeasured terms, in favor of those grapes, and Mr. Allen, of Blackrock, in his admirable speech at the public dinner, said he had visited, on various occasions, the exhibitions of the Horticultural Society of Massachusetts, as well as a great number of other exhibitions in various cities of the Union, and had not on any of those occasions, nor at any period of his life, met with such large and delicious fruit. It is to be regretted that Mr. Gray's name is not among the list of successful competitors. Although no premium was announced in the published list of premiums, still when an article of great merit is brought forward, some substantial mark of reward should be given. In this instance we apprehend that the error must be attributed to an oversight on the part of the judges.

SEEDS AND ROOTS.

All the varieties of grain, seeds, and roots, enumerated on the printed schedule of prizes, were liberally represented; indeed the building allotted for this department of the show was quite too small to accommodate the vast quantity of produce that was arranged under this class. Finger samples of winter wheat than were shown are not grown in any country. Some of the best lots were grown in the townships of Clarke and Hope, being of the newly introduced varieties, the Hutchinson and Soul. The sample that was considered No. 3, in point of quality, was unquestionably the most uniform and bright that ever fell to our lot to examine. It was the Soul's variety, grown in the township of Clarke, upon a soil in which a very large amount of small limestones were intermixed with both surface and subsoil. This variety, as well as the Hutchinson's, has obtained great celebrity, and in fact is fast superseding the old fashioned kinds, in many parts of the Newcastle and Home Districts.

The Canada Company's prize of £25 for the best twenty-five bushels of wheat was awarded to Mr. Clarkson Freeman, of the neighbourhood of the city of Hamilton, to whom was awarded the same premium last year, as well as for the best two bushels. Mr. Freeman sows the good old fashioned red chaff white wheat, which for flouring properties cannot be surpassed. His land is a strong clay soil, rather hilly, and is naturally well adapted for the growth of wheat. There was a pretty sharp competition for