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out their fruit at once, and prepare for the contest. Send at the above mentioned time, to the President, the best you can select—from these the cream will be chosen, and Ontario will win.

"Your obedient servant,

"D. W. BEADLE,

"Secretary."

"St. Catharines, July 25th, 1873.

The response was a noble one—from Goderich, Chatham, London, Paris, Guelph, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara, Port Credit, and Kingston, contributions poured in, and were duly contributed.

At Boston the expectations of your delegates were more than realized. It was the grandest exhibition of fruits ever seen, and the greatest gathering of eminent horticulturists ever held in the United States. It was the fourteenth session, and the quarter centennial celebration of the American Pomological Society. In connection with the fruit exhibition of the American Pomological Society, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society held its annual Floral Exhibition in the Music Hall, of most rare and beautiful exotics.

The chief contributors of the London district were as follows:—W. Saunders, pears, plums, apples, crabs; Dr. W. Woodruff magnificent specimens of plums, of many of the leading varieties; Dr. V. A. Brown, some very choice pears and plums; W. Birrell, many varieties of apples, also some pears; E. West, a number of very fine pears and apples. Henry Taylor, some excellent pears and a few apples; Wm. Barker, pears, plums and apples; including Grimes' Golden; —Waddel, very fine specimens of Belle Lucrative and Flemish Beauty pears. Dr. Francis, of Delaware, pears and apples; John Williams, of London, good specimens of Flemish Beauty; G. Watson, apples and pears. George Birrell; some very fine apples.

All those called upon contributed most willingly, and with many good wishes for our success. Many other members of the Society and lovers of fruit, would have aided us just as willingly, had there been time to call upon them. As it was, the fruit brought together filled five half-barrels in which they were carefully packed, each wrapped separately in paper, and with paper shavings between the different layers. On the day appointed, these packages were forwarded to our worthy President, and by him forwarded with the other contributions by express to Boston. The large number of packages got together, some thirty-eight in all, taxed the carrying powers of the express company, and grave doubts were entertained of their ability to deliver them all in Boston in good time. It gave us much pleasure and no little relief, to find when we reached the place of meeting on Tuesday morning, that all our barrels, boxes, &c., were on hand in the building awaiting our disposal. The only thing which in any way marred our pleasure, was an intimation to the effect that our esteemed friend and fellow delegate, Mr. James Dougall, would be prevented, in consequence of illness in his family, from being present with us. These untoward circumstances at home did not, however, prevent him from doing his utmost to aid us in the undertaking, by contributing from his own and neighbouring collections, a number of very choice pears, &c., &c.

Now began the tug of war. On every hand we were surrounded by competitors in all departments—all most good-naturedly greeting and welcoming us to this great gathering, while, at the same time, each one was anxious for the success of his own particular State.

Nebraska had spent a large sum of money and much labour in bringing her collection to its greatest possible state of perfection, and every precaution had been taken to preserve the fruit from injury during the long journey from the so-called "Great American Desert" to Boston. A special car had been built for this purpose, and some of her leading agriculturists, along with the Governor of the State, sent to represent her interests. Kansas, also, had made great efforts to hold the position she had so well won at the previous meeting (two years before) in Richmond, where she carried the palm over all others. California and Utah were also represented, as well as nearly all the Middle, Western and Northern States, as well as some of the Southern ones.

The Committee of Arrangements treated us very handsomely, giving us what we considered as the place of honour in the Hall, viz., the head and forward half of the large centre table, which was about 60 feet long, by 12 or 14 feet wide, Nebraska occupying the lower half; so here, on entering the main hall, the first thing that struck the visitors' eye was the display from Canada—of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. By dint of many hours