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## THE PROVINCIAL FRUIT, FLOWER AND HONEY SHOW

THE horticultural interests of Ontario have been obviously advanced by The Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show held in Toronto November 15-19. The exhibits, in all sections, were ahead of expectations and were a revelation of the importance of the horticultural interests of the province. The thousands of people who attended have been thoroughly awakened to the fact that fruit, flowers and honey are three important products of Ontario; that there is a possibility for great development in this direction and that everything possible should be done to forward the interests of these three allied industries.

This impression having been created it is generally felt that the exhibition was a decided success, that it should be repeated next year and that there is every reason to believe that this first show will develop into an annual affair of great importance. The exhibits of fruit, of flowers and of honey were the largest that have ever been made in Canada and the quality of the exhibits was of the best.

Toronto has held some splendid flower shows in the past but this year's display set a new mark of excellence. The exhibit of fruit was also a record breaker. Owing to the lateness of the season the apples shown were well colored which added greatly to the pleasing effect of the display. More honey was shown than at the Toronto Industrial Exposition and the exhibits were arranged

to the best possible advantage. This made the apiary section one of the features of the exhibition.

The show was held in the two Granite rinks, on Church street, the flowers being on view in the smaller of the rinks and the fruit and honey in the larger. Both rinks were tastefully decorated, the former by evergreens, wild smilax and palms and the latter by bunting and flags. The combined effect of the decorations and exhibits was most pleasing.

### EDUCATIONAL FEATURES WERE VALUABLE.

Probably the most striking feature of the exhibition was its value from an educational standpoint. In the floral rink the exhibits of many different varieties of chrysanthemums, carnations and roses bore printed cards giving the names of the varieties.

Even greater attention was given to the educational features connected with the exhibit of fruit. All the principal varieties bore printed cards giving their names, the months of the year during which they can be bought, a brief description of their suitability for dessert or cooking purposes and of their value for home or foreign markets.

A most excellent exhibit was made by the Women's Institute Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture under the direct supervision of Supt. G. A. Putnam. A large space, at one end of the fruit rink, was occupied by this exhibit. Numerous methods of cooking and preserving fruits were