

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION ESTABLISHES A NEW RECORD

Over 4,000 Boxes of Apples on Exhibition—Three Entries of 300 Boxes Each—
Cooperative Societies Largely Responsible for Both Quantity
and Quality of the Exhibits

UP-TO-DATE, progressive orchard management will overcome the disadvantages that go with an unfavorable season. Such was one of the great lessons learned by those who attended the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition in Toronto last week. The past season has been unusually wet and dull, and fruit growers were somewhat fearful that the display of apples at this exhibition would be no more than a mark in color and in freedom from fungus diseases. Leading Ontario fruit growers, however, have taken full advantage of the newest methods of orchard management and the apples on exhibition were not only of good color, but practically free from fungus. The number of boxes on exhibition was estimated at 4,000 and the number of plate exhibits at 1,400. Taken all in all the 1912 exhibition is in a class by itself.

The greatly increased accommodation afforded by the Horticultural building, at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds was fully taken up. The Cooperative Fruit Growers' Association, the district representatives and individual growers, all did their part to make the apple exhibits as attractive as possible. The flower exhibits, with much more room than formerly, were more attractively arranged and added much to the beauty of the Horticultural Hall.

BETTER THAN IN THE U. S.

Honey as compared with previous years was an outstanding exhibit. "I was at the Madison Square Gardens last winter and there were exhibits from six states in the honey section, but the whole together would not touch the Ontario exhibits," said Mr. S. D. House, a United States visitor to the Fair. "I have travelled all over the United States," he continued, "but I have never seen such an exhibit as you have here."

The honey exhibit were arranged in two domes, one in the centre of the building and the other more to the side. The large central dome, an exhibit of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, had a most attractive display of comb, bottled, canned and brist honey. The display of the Mid-Western County Beekeepers' Association lost nothing in attractiveness because of its less extent.

The coming pre-eminence of the box as a package for apple fancies was even more in evidence at this fair than at the previous one. Only 58 barrels were entered in competitive classes and a dozen or so in connection with other exhibits. An improvement in the pack was easily noticeable. The growing importance of the Cooperative Fruit Growers' Association was also evidenced at this fair. At least three-quarters of the exhibits were staged by cooperative associations or by members of associations and practically all of the prize money went their way.

NORFOLK COUNTY ON TOP

Norfolk county fruit growers literally covered themselves with glory. A little over one-third of all the apples on exhibition came from their county. When the awards were made public it was found that Norfolk fruit had secured 50 firsts, 31 seconds and 10 third prizes. Among their notable winnings were first and second on lots of 100 boxes each, first on 50 boxes, two firsts and a second in classes for 20 boxes, and they also had the sweepstakes box, one of the most coveted prizes at the fair. The winning box was of Spies grown by R. H.

Johnson. A box of Kings, also from Norfolk, was a close competitor. The two largest apples in the show came from Norfolk.

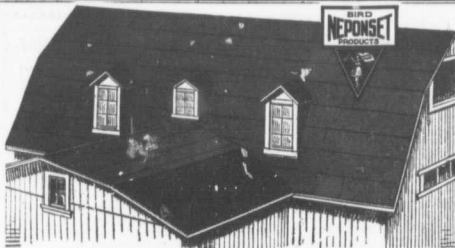
The grand feature of the apple display this year was the half carloads of 300 boxes each. The first prize of \$200 was won by the Northumberland and Durham Apple Growers' Association on an exhibit of Spies. The second prize of \$150 also went to Northumberland and Durham on their Baldwins. Norfolk fruit growers, who also had an entry of Baldwins, had to be content with third place. The Norfolk apples were probably superior from the standpoint of color and quality but not so well graded and packed as those of their competitors.

SOME OF THOSE WHO WON

Prominent among the winners in the barrel classes were: P. Walker, J. Howe, Fred Doan and John Winter, all of Norfolk. In the single box classes some of the best awards went to R. B. Scripture, Brighton; Northumberland and Durham Apple Growers' Association; T. Cunningham, Norfolk; G. H. Martin and Son, Port Hope; Arcova Fruit Growers' Association; John Watson, Ontario Co., and F. G. Stewart, of Homer. Other exhibitors too numerous to mention secured high places in the box classes. In the plate classes awards were distributed over the entire fruit growing area of Ontario, but here also Norfolk county was most prominent.

County exhibits were a strong feature of the fair. Lambton county had a most striking exhibit of 332 boxes, the different colored apples being arranged to make a map of the county. This splendid exhibit, the finest at the fair, was robbed of much of its effectiveness by a large dome of honey exhibits directly in front of it. Had this dome been removed to the side of the building the Lambton exhibit would have appeared more striking and the whole general effect would have been more pleasing. Brant county had an exhibit of 76 boxes and 12 barrels of splendidly colored fruit. Brant claims to be a Spy county and the excellence of the

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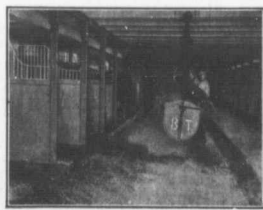
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