

At The Canadian National

The horticultural exhibits at the Canadian National Exhibition held in Toronto last month, were most creditable and instructive. An excellent display of fruit was made, but the number of entries was not as large as last year. In the commercial packaging classes, competition was keen. The quality of the fruit was very uniform but much can still be learned about packing. During recent years, there has been a steady improvement noticed in packing methods, but the exhibits this year seemed to show that progress has stopped. Generally speaking, the packs were not as good this year as last. It is surprising that the growers do not give this matter more care and attention. While the packs in some of the boxes exhibited were good, many of them showed carelessness and ignorance. In a few of the boxes, the apples appeared to have been dumped in in bulk without any attempt having been made at systematic arrangement. The judges found it necessary in some cases to rule out some of the best fruits on exhibition simply because it was not properly packed. Besides the good fruit that was poorly packed, there was some poor fruit well packed. The apples, generally, were fair, but it was a little early for winter varieties to make a good showing; they were rather small in size and lacking in color. The commercial packages of peaches, plums and pears were excellent.

In the plate display, a fine showing of fruit was made. There was a large number of entries in plums and they were good. The pears were extra good. The grape display was not as large as last year; although the date of holding the show was early for them, there were some good samples shown. The peaches were exceptionally good. First prize for the best display was won by the

St. Catharines Horticultural Society, which put up an extensive exhibit including apples, pears, peaches, plums and grapes. For best collection of 40 varie-



A Well Packed Box of Well Grown Wealthys

Part of British Columbia fruit display at Canadian National Exhibition.

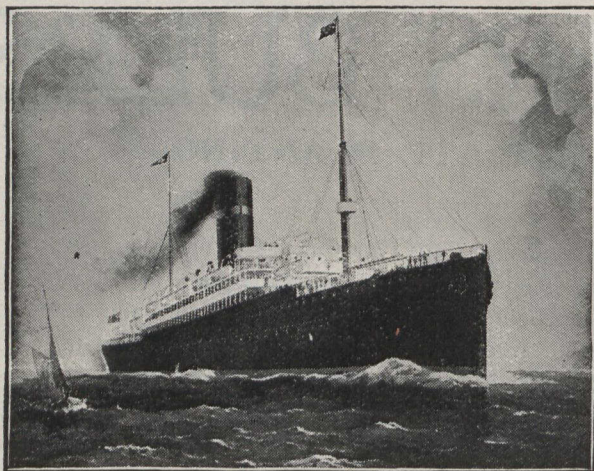
ties of apples, first prize went to Harry Dempsey, Rednersville, for the 12th successive year.

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made a display of fruits that was attractive and was the subject of much favorable comment. Various colored plums were so arranged that the word Ontario stood out prominently and gave a striking effect. The best specimens and typical ones of the leading varieties of fruits in season at the time of the exhibition were displayed. It was chiefly a peach and plum exhibit. A placard called the attention of the passers-by to the fact that Ontario produces 75 per cent of all fruits grown in Canada, 60 per cent of the plums, 99 per cent of the peaches and grapes, 70 per cent of the apples, and 80 per cent of the small fruits and pears.

The provincial government of British Columbia had a large exhibit of the products of that province. The fruits represented various districts, including the Okanagan, Kootenay, Thompson and Fraser Valleys and Vancouver Island. Plums, prunes, peaches, pears, apples, crab apples, cherries, and tomatoes were shown. Some excellent boxes of Yellow Transparent and Wealthy apples grown by Jas. Johnstone, Nelson, were much admired; they contained good stuff that stood up well and well packed. Stirling and Pitcairn, of Kelowna, had various packages of fruit in this display that came through in the best of condition. The Progress Fruit Packing Co., of Victoria, also had a fine showing, especially in prunes. The B. C. exhibit was in charge of Mr. W. E. Scott, Exhibition's Commissioner, Victoria, who was assisted by Mr. W. J. Brandrith, Ladner, secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association. The whole display was a fine one.

Entries in the vegetable classes were not as extensive as last year. The quality mostly was good. There were shown some specimens of the different kinds of vegetables that were grown as well as can be



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