

JUDGES' REPORT ON CONSERVATORIES AND WINDOW GARDENS.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Montreal Horticultural Society,

We, the undersigned, having been appointed judges of greenhouses and window gardens, for the winter of 1884-85, and having jointly examined the various conservatories and gardens entered in competition, beg to submit a report of results as follows :

CONSERVATORIES—CLASS A.

The points of excellence upon which conservatories were judged, were—

1st. Cleanliness ; 2nd. Evidence of superior culture ; 3rd. Arrangement for effect ; 4th. Forethought for succession of bloom ; 5th. Provision of plants for bedding purposes. Each point was judged upon a scale of ten, making a total possible maximum of fifty (50.)

The prizes were awarded as follows :

Mr. Geo. Stephen,	45.	-	-	-	-	1st Prize, \$10.00
Mr. H. McKay,	44.2	-	-	-	-	2nd " 6.00
Mrs. Redpath,	41.8	-	-	-	-	3rd " 4.00

All of the conservatories entered were private, and the judges feel that it is only just to direct the attention of the society to the very superior condition of all, particularly with reference to cleanliness. In one or two cases, the amount of bloom did not appear so great as the season would demand, but in most cases there was not only a good show of flowers, but there was evidence of care in providing for proper succession of bloom. One very noticeable feature was the general provision made for bedding out, even in cases where the available land would not permit of great outlay in such direction, and this in private conservatories, is particularly gratifying and worthy of encouragement, since it affords evidences of the degree to which private citizens are disposed to become public benefactors, by placing so large a number of plants in a position which will enable them to appeal to the public at large.

WINDOW GARDENS—CLASS B.

The points of excellence serving as a basis of judgment were—

1st. Taste in selection of plants for window garden purposes ; 2nd. Evidence of attention ; 3rd. Variety and bloom. Only two competitors entered for this purse, to whom the awards were made as follows :

Mrs. John Auld,	-	-	-	-	1st Prize.
Mrs. Jas. Riddle,	-	-	-	-	2nd "