

Prizes for Gardens.*

—There, as in Hamilton, it was a daily newspaper, *The Leader*, that conducted the contest, inviting the Home Gardening Association to award the prizes. Sixty dollars was offered for the best amateur flower garden, \$30.00 for the



second best, \$25.00 for the best amateur porch or window box, and \$10.00 for the second best. This was a contest among adults, but a similar crusade was started among the children by the offer of a series of prizes for boys and girls not over fifteen years of age by Judge Dellenbaugh. He offered eighty

prizes, and thousands of children went to work making gardens. The Home Gardening Association distributed, principally through the teachers of the public schools, thousands of packages of seeds, a prize being given for each variety.

Results. —The effect was marvellous. Back yards that had been receptacles for rubbish became places of beauty, and front yards decorated with flowers needed no fences for protection, so universal was the public appreciation of them. Even strangers were impressed and went away saying "How many lovely homes there are in Cleveland."

Now let us hope for similar results in all our Canadian towns and cities.

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FIG. 2528. VISTAS IN HOME GROUNDS.