

are distributing what they have, and we may next year be sown by the first in September, and thus have a better chance than it is likely to get this season.—The price of the wheat was two guineas sterling per bushel, besides the cost of importation by express.

Roots, whether regarded as to quantity or quality, did not come up to the ordinary standard of a Provincial Show. This notwithstanding arose chiefly from the unfavourable character of the season, and the somewhat short period of holding the show:—a week or so at this period will often produce great crops in turnips, beets, carrots, &c. Notwithstanding there were several specimens of large, khol rabi, varieties of turnip and agricultural roots, which indicated excellence, well grown and proportioned; we trust next year, under more favorable circumstances, that this important department assume its wonted dimensions and excellence. Root culture, and the proper maintenance of our now numerous breeds of improved must proceed together. The potatoes were very fine, and apparently free from rust, which, however, has made its appearance but slightly,—in several localities

### FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

The show of fruit is not larger than in former years, but in regard to quality it is superior to anything exhibited before. There have been great improvements during the last years in the growth of pears, peaches, apples and grapes, and the specimens exhibited in all these classes were magnificent. Apples there were, of course, full store. Niagara peninsula, lying between Lakes Erie and Ontario and the Niagara River, may be described as the fruit garden of Canada; it took a very large proportion of prizes at the Show. But other localities were not far behind. Hamilton City, protected from the cold winds, is evidently favorable for the growth of fruit. Mr. John [?], of that city, took the first prize for [?], and Messrs. Bruce and Murray, nurserymen, took a number of prizes in grapes, peaches and pears. Mr. H. M. Switzer, of [?], also took the first prize for white [?] grown in the open air. Mr. Geo. Leslie, of Toronto, took a number of prizes, and [?], of Eglinton, made a good show [?]. But Mr. D. W. Beadle, of the St. [?] nursery, a thoroughly educated horticulturist, Mr. W. H. Read, of Port Dalrymple, the great grape grower, Mr. S. J. J. [?], H. J. Brown, and Mr. R. N. Ball, the growers of fruit in the township of [?], and Mr. Warren, and Mr. Currie also [?], more than sustained the credit of

the district across the lake. Mr. Read's grapes drew all eyes. He has entered into numerous experiments in raising grapes from the seed, and in crossing the native Canadian growth with improved varieties. By joining the native to the Black Hamburg he has obtained an enormous round black grape of fair quality. He has nearly two hundred different varieties coming forward from the seed, and is sanguine of being able to obtain an open air grape which will make good wine, and be better for the table than any now grown. He has bestowed infinite care and labour on this work, and deserves the highest medal that the Provincial Association can give to him. He and the other open air grape growers agree that the Delaware is the best grape now grown in Canada. It is small, but sweet and highly flavoured, and is a large bearer. Its size may be improved by judicious culture. All the grape growers are sanguine that they will yet be able to produce a grape which will make wine of home manufacture an article of daily consumption in Canada.

Of grapes grown under glass the exhibitors are yearly increasing, and the finest specimens yet seen were at this exhibition, reflecting great credit on the skill and persevering industry of their cultivators. In open air grapes the competition was keen, and several new sorts introduced which bid fair to displace some of the older varieties, such as the Clinton, Isabella, and Catawba.

The apples were numerous and generally of excellent quality. We would suggest to the growers of the finest and best keeping sorts, the desirableness, in a bountiful year like this, of putting them carefully into barrels, and shipping them by the Montreal steamers for England, where they would be certain to command a good, and we believe, remunerating price.

The collection of Pears was large and of superior quality. Messrs. Ellwanger and Barry, of Rochester, N. Y., had some very fine specimens of this delicious fruit, as had several of our own growers, who carried off a great many of the prizes.

The season is highly favourable for ripening and bringing to a high state of perfection the Peach, and the specimens shown were superior in quality and flavour to any heretofore exhibited. The principal growers were from Niagara, St. Catharines, and Hamilton. It is a fact worth recording that some fine peaches were sent from Goderich, showing that in favourable seasons the area for growing this delicious fruit in Canada, is larger than is commonly supposed. A few good specimens of the Nectarine were on Exhibition, but this fruit does not appear to be in general well adapted to the climate of Canada. Perhaps a better knowledge of its habits and more