

### The Canadian Fruit at the Glasgow Exhibition, from an English Fruitman's Point of View.

SIR, — I have perused in your admirable issue of January with very great interest, the report of Mr. R. Hamilton, and I am sure you will join with me and my English confreres in wishing that our Canadian cousins will get at the real truth about the fruit exhibits, so that in their trade with this country, they may not be led astray.

I have the honor to be associated with the only paper, I think, which takes up the fruit question altogether from its commercial standpoint in this country, and moreover we are not of that number who would exclude the importations of fruit, etc., in order that our home growers may keep the field. We rather welcome all good fruit that comes, especially that from Canada, and advise our home growers to go in for newer methods of cultivation. For years we have been advising them to restrict the number of varieties, especially of apples, and grow only 6 to 8 varieties suited to the market requirements. On reading the report of your correspondent I was inclined to hold forth upon the grit and go of Canada, and I did so to my chief, and I think I cannot do better than give you just what we said.

I personally was unable to go to Glasgow during the time the Exhibition was on. Your correspondent speaks of the praise of the public. He must remember that the general public know little of fruit culture as we see it and they probably did

"Blow in his lug a bit." My chief says: "My object in going there (to Glasgow) was to look at this Canadian Fruit Exhibit. I was not greatly impressed, in fact it struck me as rather a slow show, although a fine exhibit in many respects. There was some excellent bottled stuff from Canada and in matters agricultural a fine display was made, but speaking generally of the apple show, a few sorts of apples were good but there were such a thundering lot of sorts that one was bewildered. If they could have reduced the very large number of sorts to about 6 or 7 and have covered a table 5 or 6 feet square with them they would in my opinion have made some impression. I thought you would like to know this." Regarding your notes as to packages, I quite agree with Hamilton that the barrel is doomed, and we understand that a package, which we strongly recommend Canadian senders to adopt is gradually being adopted with best fruit, i. e., a small case containing about 40 pounds of fruit. The Australian and Tasmanian shippers especially have taken our advantage to heart and have adopted our form of package generally."

Such, Mr. Editor, is the outcome of the Glasgow Exhibit as seen by practical fruit-growing eyes, and by one who is strenuously advocating all things that can tend to bring good cheap fruit to the millions in the old country, and by one who at the same time as strenuously strives to get these things done to the advantage of the grower and fruit salesmen.

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## OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Kincardine.—Mr. Welsh, the President, occupied the chair in his usual manner. After his introductory remarks the H. S. students, or a number of them, gave two of their excellent selections, a drill and chorus, "Coon, Coon, Coon." As our readers know, the meetings and entertainment were held under the auspices of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association conjointly with the Kincardine Horticultural Society, and the best speakers of course were procured. The first to appear upon the platform was Mrs. Torrance of Chateauguay, Quebec. She gave an excellent address on "Every day plants of our homes and gardens." She started out by giving some practical suggestions in beautifying our school grounds and streets. She very sensibly recommended the planting of nut trees along with our beautiful maples. For the sake of effect and to imitate nature she said we should not plant trees in rows and one just opposite another in our lawns and parks, etc. She admired the barberry of which there were fifty-two varieties. She then explained the cultivation of such shrubs and plants as the spirea, hydrangea, catalpas, etc. Her remarks on the perennials were full of interest from first to last. The home, she said, was the foundation of the nation. We should beautify it. Men and women should assist each other in making the

home the happiest place on earth. "There is no place like home, be it ever so humble." The speaker dwelt upon the necessity of harmony in colors, the same as in dress. A score or more of plants were named in decorating the yards and lawns. Biennials also were discussed, among them being the pea and veronica. The chairman requested anyone in the audience to ask the speaker some question, and failing in this he gave his experience in growing walnut trees on his farm, which was interesting.

At this stage of the meeting sixteen young women (H. S. students) dressed in white, made their appearance on the platform and rendered in grand style the old southern melody, Peck-a-wo. The mandolin accompaniment was very fine, the operator being behind the curtain.

The chairman then introduced the next speaker, Mr. E. B. Stevenson, M. A. of Jordan Station, Ont. His subject, "Strawberry culture and the promising new varieties," was taken up after a smart little talk about "Bulb growing." He had had a talk with the young folk in the afternoon in the same place and was warmed up. His remarks were not only timely but appreciated by his large audience. He reckoned the Kincardine Horticultural Society was booming, when such large crowds would come to hear talks about Horticulture. He