

EXHIBITING AND JUDGING APPLES.

During recent years more attention has been paid to the judging of fruit than formerly. Judges are much more numerous than they used to be and it seems very desirable that judges of fruit in Canada should have some standard from which to work. Owing to the judges of fruit at certain fairs being changed very frequently, in some cases almost every year, and each judge having a different standard for judging, exhibitors are at a loss to know what kind of fruit to send or how to pack it and, as a result, we believe that in many cases they are discouraged from exhibiting. One judge may place too much importance upon size, another upon colour, and too little on freedom from blemishes, while another may think little of the uniformity and true-ness to type, all of which leads to great confusion. A beginning was made to improve these conditions in 1910 when a Committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association of which the writer was chairman submitted a number of score cards in a pamphlet called "Standards for Judging Fruits" for the use of judges and exhibitors with explanations of the terms used. These score cards were adopted by most of the Provincial Fruit Growers' Associations in Canada and much good has, it is believed, been accomplished through them but a more general familiarity with these score cards and explanations of terms used is desirable, hence score cards are published in this bulletin where they will receive wide publicity. These score cards unless otherwise marked are those adopted in 1913 by the Society for Horticultural Science and are considered improvements over those in the pamphlet referred to. A few introductory words are, however, necessary.

A good judge must be familiar with many varieties, otherwise he is liable to cause much confusion, annoyance and injustice to exhibitors, and will soon lose any reputation he may have had as a good judge. A judge must be unprejudiced, otherwise at a small fair where he will probably know who grew the apples exhibited he is liable to do an injustice.

A good judge makes a quick but accurate decision.

The regulations in regard to the number of specimens required, size and kind of package, etc., should be plain.

Nomenclature should be correct. It will be much to the interest of an exhibit if the judge or exhibition committee arranges to put the names of the winners on cards so that the public can see them as soon as the awards are made.

Single Plates—

Form.....	15
Size.....	15
Colour.....	20
Uniformity.....	20
Freedom from blemishes.....	30
	100
Quality when scored.....	25

COLLECTION OF FRUITS WITH SPECIFIED NUMBER OF PLATES.

Value of varieties for purpose stated.....	50
Condition of fruit (average of individual plate score).....	50
	100

LARGEST AND BEST COLLECTION.

Number of varieties.....	331
Value of varieties for purpose stated.....	334
Condition of fruit (average of individual plate score).....	334
	100