

FRUIT AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The magnitude of the fruit display at the Toronto exhibition can be judged from the fact that apart from boxes, baskets and barrels over 2,000 plates were required to place the entries on the shelves. The entries were more numerous than in 1904, but that this is an off year in most fruits was shown by the quality and lack of color in most cases. It would be difficult to single out any one fruit that was particularly fine. Plums, perhaps, were the best, but many rotted on the plates. Peaches were plentiful, but noticeably immature. The same lack of development was characteristic of nearly all the fruits.

The surprising feature of the display was the show of pears. Reports from all sections quote that crop as being light to a failure. Despite this fact the entries were up to the average and the specimens good in most instances. The grape shelves were well filled, but very few of them were ripe enough to warrant the placing of the placard "please do not handle."

The reports which have been published in The Horticulturist stating that Ontario's greatest apple crop this season is to be found in eastern Ontario was borne out by the number of prizes awarded to the Dempsey's and other growers near Trenton. Several prizes, however, went to Hamilton growers and a few to St. Catharines. The interest taken in modern packing was evidenced by a greatly increased exhibit of boxes packed for export. In this class, also, the Trenton growers seem to be the most expert. Many prizes were awarded to Harry

Dempsey, of Rednerville, both for packages and specimens on the shelves. For the ninth time in succession Mr. Dempsey has won the red ticket for collection of 40 varieties. The second prize for this collection went to Harry Marshall, of Hamilton, who also won numerous prizes for the different individual varieties on plates and first for collection of 20 varieties.

A valuable part of the apple exhibit was the collections of five varieties for export, five for dessert, and five for cooking. In the class for export Harry Marshall got first with Ribston Pippin, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, Northern Spy and King of Tompkins County. Frank Onderdonk, of Albury, secured second with King, Spy, Baldwin, Ben Davis and Golden Russet. For dessert apples the first went to Harry Marshall, who had Fameuse, Swazie Pomme Grise, Ribston Pippin, Gravenstein and Spy, while Harry Dempsey came next with Trenton, Ribston, McIntosh Red, Swazie and Fameuse. J. F. Dempsey, of Albury, secured first for cooking apples with Duchess, Spy, King, St. Lawrence and Rhode Island Greening. Second prize was awarded to H. Marshall for Duchess, Alexander, Cayuga Redstreak, Greening and Spy.

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In former years the Fruit Experiment Stations have made exhibits of fruits, good, bad and indifferent. This year a change was made and only the best varieties were shown. A division was made to bring out three main classes: The best eating varieties, the best varieties for commercial purposes, and the varieties best adapted

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