

## HORTICULTURE

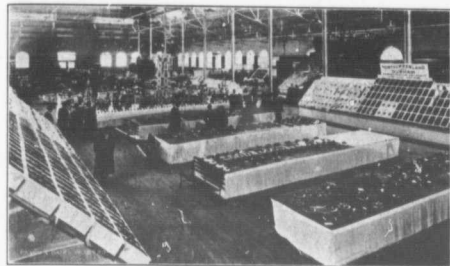
### The Fruit, Flower and Honey Show

Ontario's Horticultural Exhibition demonstrates above all other things the efficacy of advanced orchard practice. The last season has been one of severe drought and short crops. Many visitors to the fair last week—which by the way has been incorporated with the National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show—expected to see the unfavorable season reflected in the quality of fruit on exhibition. But not so. The standard was well up to any previous year and while it was evident in some cases that

exhibits artistically, and they took advantage of their opportunity to the full. Chrysanthemums and orchids were especially strong, some of the finest specimens coming from the greenhouses of R. Jennings and the Dale Estate, of Brampton. Many of the chrysanthemum blooms were 22 to 25 inches in circumference. Sir Henry Pellatt was the most successful private exhibitor. Other prominent exhibitors were Wm. Jay & Sons, Thos. Manton and George Bonnett.

#### VEGETABLES SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Vegetable growers did themselves credit, their exhibits being a decided advance on those of any previous year. Onions, cabbages, potatoes, and all other field vegetables, were shown in profusion. Some of the men who did the most to make the vegetable show an attractive one were Charles Plun-



Fruit, Flower, and Honey in Abundance and Beautifully Arranged

Never before have Ontario horticulturalists had such an opportunity to show their products to advantage as in the Transportation Building on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition last week. The illustration herewith will give an idea of how well fruit grow-ers, florists and

it had taken much picking to get enough good fruit, what was shown was of good size, coloring, and free from blemish. It will be remembered that in the previous year continual wet weather favored the development of all fungus diseases, but nevertheless only clean fruit was seen at the Horticultural Show.

Ontario's Fruit Show is becoming more and more a boxed apple show. Eight years ago only 11 boxes were on exhibition. Last week there were two entries of 300 boxes each and several 100 box entries; all of which goes to show that Ontario growers are coming to appreciate the merits of the box package.

People who have seen both testify that the flower department of the fair far excelled that of the New York show, both in quality and beauty. The transportation building on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds, was commodious enough to give the florists plenty of room to arrange their

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boit & Sons, of Weston, F. C. Reeves and James Dandridge of Humber Bay, W. R. Trott, London, and several other growers, most of whom are located in or near Toronto.

Beekeepers were given the most prominent position in the Transportation Building,—right in the centre, with the apple show on one side and the flower show on the other. They used their space to good advantage, staging a fine exhibit of honey in the liquid, comb and sugared state.

#### THE PEEL EXHIBIT

County exhibits were not the strong feature of this show that they have been in previous years, only one county having a special exhibit,—Peel county. This is the first time that Peel county has made an exhibit, and their first exhibit in attention to detail outclassed anything ever seen before. It consisted of a map of Peel county, with every township laid out in apples and potatoes of varying color. Every creek of any size in the county was indicated by tinsel paper, every railroad was there on a miniature scale. Even the improved highways and hydro-electric lines were worked into the map, while in the centre of the county, at Brampton, were the great greenhouses of the Dale Estate, and nearby was a Jersey cow, indicating the location of the home of the Brampton Jerseys. Mr. Tisdale, the district representative, was largely responsible for this attractive exhibit.

The Northumberland and Durham Fruit Growers' Association and Halton county each had an exhibit of 300 boxes of apples, the first Spys, the latter Baldwins. The Spys were of somewhat better quality and likewise a trifle better packed, although the difference was not great. These Spys were purchased by the Robert Simpson Co., of Toronto, for \$2.50 a box. So good was the packing that there was exactly 100 pieces of almost uni-

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