

FRUIT PRIZE LISTS

A REVISION of Fruit Lists is most urgently needed for the reasons which were well set forth by Prof. Hutt, O. A. C., Guelph, at the recent meeting of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, in Toronto, whose paper we published on page 98.

Any one who reads over the lists of varieties for which prizes are offered at the various fairs, both small and large, will see that they are made with reference to varieties grown, and without any reference to varieties most profitable or best adapted to the section concerned. The planting of many varieties which are useless and unprofitable is thus encouraged. Besides this, we find that we are growing altogether too many varieties of fruit. What we need is to know and recognize the best variety of its season for market and the best for home uses, and then to plant accordingly. In making a shipment of apples to a distant market, a car of one straight variety can be easier sold and at a higher price than if it consist of several varieties. So in planting a commercial orchard we should bear this point in mind.

With these considerations in view, a committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines; Prof. H. L. Hutt, of the O. A. C., Guelph, and L. Woolverton, of Grimsby, met together and prepared the following preliminary list of fruits as a basis for the preparation of a fruit prize list for township and county fairs in Ontario. Of course each section must decide for itself whether to choose the list recommended for the northern or southern sections or whether a combination from both lists. The com-

mittee will gladly receive criticisms from the readers of this Journal.

CLASS I—APPLES.

Five specimens of each variety.

For Southern Sections.

(a) COMMERCIAL VARIETIES.

- | SEC. | SEC. |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Baldwin. | 7. Gravenstein. |
| 2. Ben Davis. | 8. Hubbardston. |
| 3. Blenheim. | 9. King. |
| 4. Cranberry. | 10. Ontario. |
| 5. Duchess. | 11. Spy. |
| 6. Greening. | 12. Wealthy. |
| 13. Any other named variety. | |

(b) DOMESTIC VARIETIES.

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Chenango. | 8. Primate. |
| 2. Duchess. | 9. Ribston. |
| 3. Fameuse. | 10. Swazie. |
| 4. Greening. | 11. Spy. |
| 5. Gravenstein. | 12. Wealthy. |
| 6. Jonathan. | 13. Any other named variety. |
| 7. King. | 14. Seedling variety. |

(c) COLLECTIONS.

15. Best collection of 5 above named varieties for export.
16. Best collection of 5 above named varieties for dessert.
17. Best collection of 5 above named varieties for cooking.

(d) CRAB APPLES.

Twelve specimens of each variety.

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| 18. Hyslop. | 20. Whitney. |
| 19. Transcendent. | 21. Any other named variety. |

For Northern Sections.

(a) COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC VARIETIES.

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| 1. Alexander. | 7. McIntosh. |
| 2. Duchess. | 8. Scott's winter. |