

tive as the Wisconsin display close beside it. But on closer examination our display had the far greater quality and value. While the Wisconsin exhibit was largely made up of such showy apples as McMahan's White, Wolf River, Alexander, Wealthy, Fallwater, and Maiden's Blush; the Northern Spy, Baldwin, Ben Davis, King, Russet, and several of the pippins, entered largely into the Canadian display. In pears, during my visit, there was no state exhibit better up than the Canadian; and this might likewise be said of grapes and plums. In peaches, while Ontario made a very creditable display, and one sufficient to create considerable wonderment among American and foreign visitors, Michigan, with her extra display of this luscious fruit, of course carried off the palm.

It was quite natural that Ontario surpassed all the States in apples of long keeping quality; and the cold storage exhibit, then in September, still sound and fresh, was a striking object lesson to the visitor in proof of this fact. I noticed that all the western States ran to showy apples such as I have named above, while New York State alone crowded Ontario closely in fruit of real solid quality.

I cannot leave this subject without a word of commendation to Mr. Bunting for his management of the Canadian fruit exhibit, and a word of congratulation as well for the success he had made in attracting attention to it. No Canadian fruit-grower could be otherwise than pleased with the manner in which the fruit interests of his country were presented at the great continental Exposition. And how can I close without a word for our old friend Mr. H. H. Groff? Truly his display of gladioli in the wing of the horticultural building was the admiration of everybody. Even a visitor from Bermuda remarked that he had not seen anything like it before in the world. "Where is Simcoe," one lady from the South asked, and when

told that it was up in Canada she exclaimed "What! did all this lot come from that country?" It is but a mild compliment to Mr. Groff to assure him that he scored a greater triumph in the expressions of admiration that his magnificent gladioli display drew from the thousands of visitors who stopped to look with delight upon it than in the thirteen prizes and medals he captured out of the total fifteen offered. Ten thousand spikes of gladioli in constant display for six weeks is a sight no other man could have given to the world save Mr. Groff.

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#### AN ATTRACTIVE FRUIT DISPLAY.

It was naturally expected that Canada would make a good showing in live stock and dairy produce at Buffalo. Live stock and dairying are well established industries in this country, and even our American friends have begun to learn something of what Canada can do along this line.

But fruit production is a comparatively a new thing. It is only within the last quarter of a century that apples have been produced in any considerable quantity in this country, while peach-growing and vineyards, on a commercial basis, are a matter of yesterday. Still this Province alone has made an exhibit at Buffalo, in everything except the tropical fruits, which has equalled that made by the best of the States across the line. As Mr. Norris, master of the New York State Grange, said last week (and he kept well within the limits of truth in doing so), "Ontario does not take much of a back seat from any of them."

Mr. Norris' statement is well sustained by the preliminary list of Exposition awards published last week. This list shows that the Province obtains no less than nine awards on fruit—one gold medal, three silver medals, the same number of bronze medals, and two "honorable mentions."