

It is to be hoped that the Dominion Government will give careful consideration to the proposals that will be laid before it by the members of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association in regard to standards of weight for vegetables. The Ontario Association should endeavor to enlist the support of the members of the Quebec Vegetable Growers' Association.

The directors of the Ontario Horticultural Association have acted wisely in arranging to secure prominent speakers from the United States for their annual convention in Toronto next month. Such speakers add interest to the proceedings and give an inspiration that cannot be obtained in the same way by any other method.

Again our supply of copies of The Canadian Horticulturist, this time for the month of July, has become exhausted. If any of our readers will let us have their copies of the July issue their kindness will confer a favor.

Ontario Apple Prices

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The apple crop in Ontario is one of the poorest for many years. Hundreds of orchards have no crop whatever, especially in the western parts of the province. Others have enough to supply a local demand. Where orchards have been properly looked after and thoroughly sprayed, the quantity is greater and the quality excellent. Orchards that have a crop but were not sprayed are showing plainly the effects of scab and codling moth.

Those cooperative associations having any sized crop have sold most of their apples. Prices have ranged from \$2.25 to \$2.60 for fall apples in quantity, up to \$3.75 for the better varieties of winter apples. One association sold their entire crop for \$3.00 for Nos. 1's and 2's, 75 per cent. to be No. 1. Another reports having sold for \$3.00 No. 1's and \$2.75 for No. 2's. The demonstration orchards sprayed by the Department of Agriculture in Nottawasaga township, Simcoe County, will likely grade 80 per cent. No. 1, and the apples have been sold at \$3.00 for No. 1 fall, and No. 1 and 2 winters. Early apples which have been going west have brought much larger returns than usual.

Mr. W. H. Bunting of St. Catharines, Ont., has been asked to act as an associate judge at the Canadian Apple Show in Vancouver next November and has accepted the appointment. Mr. Bunting is an experienced exhibitor and judge and should give satisfaction.

Fruit Display at Canadian National Exhibition

The fruit exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition this year was good, there being a considerable improvement over previous years. As a general rule, owing to the early date of the exhibition, grapes are not far enough advanced for a good showing, but this year, although a few green bunches were in evidence, this part of the exhibit as a whole was excellent.

A decided improvement was noted in the general arrangement of the various displays, due partly to the fact that more space was devoted to this department than formerly. The space, however, could have been utilized to much better advantage, both from the standpoint of judging and to give spectators a better chance to compare the various exhibits of each variety of fruit. No regular system seems to have been followed in the arranging of the different classes. Exhibits of plums were noted in three different places in the hall, grapes in four places, and peaches and pears in at least three places. If the different classes in each variety were arranged in order, it would give a more pleasing effect, and enable spectators to readily find all the exhibits in the varieties in which they are particularly interested.

The display of fruit in commercial packages was splendidly located, but much better use could have been made of the space allotted to this portion of the fruit exhibit. Fruit, excellent in quality and well packed was there, but the general arrangement of the packages was anything but good. In fact, it almost appeared as if no attempt had been made at arranging the exhibit in an attractive form, and numerous remarks by passers by voiced this opinion. A very little effort on the part of those in charge of the arranging of the fruit exhibits could have made a great improvement in this department. The package display is a great source of education to fruit growers, and it should be arranged so as to attract the eye, and also enable the passer-by to readily see and examine the different methods of packing. It may be noted that one row of boxes was set upright at the top of the exhibit, where none but a very tall person could even see what kind of fruit was in the boxes.

In the plate displays, the competition was keen, and the quality of the exhibits excellent. The apples were good, both as regards quantity and quality. Peaches, plums and pears were good. The competition in all of these varieties was keen. Grapes were also good, and of a much better quality than is usual at this time of the year. As usual most of the prizes went to

the St. Catharines growers, Lut Marshall Bros., of Hamilton and R. H. Dewar of Fruitland captured a large number of prizes in the plums and grapes.

TABLE COLLECTIONS

A new feature was the table collections, which attracted much attention and added much to the attractiveness of the whole exhibit. Displays of peaches, plums and grapes were shown. Two tables each of plums and peaches were entered, and three of grapes. L. C. Gray, of St. Catharines, captured the first prize in both the plums and peaches and R. Cameron second. In the grapes, J. H. Smith, of St. Catharines, won first prize; F. G. Stewart, Homer, second; and W. Selby, Homer, third. The second prize table had the best collection of varieties, and if anything, the better quality, but the judge found objections to the use of foreign material in decorating the table. The prize list called for simply a display of grapes, nothing else.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT

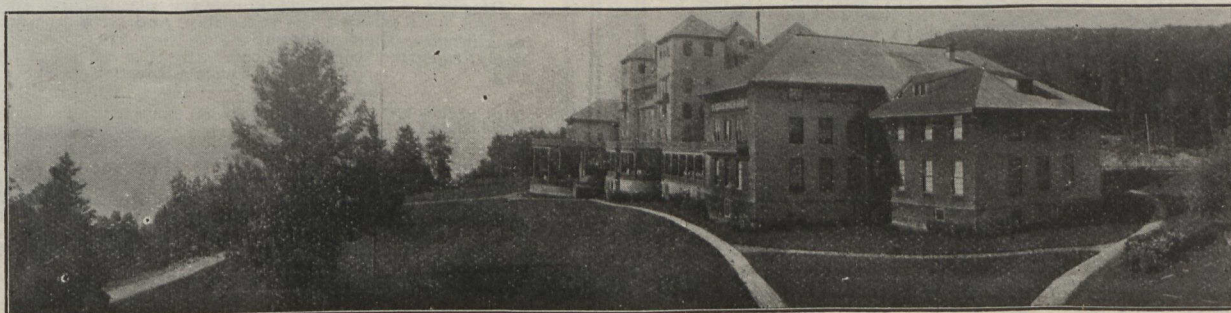
A very attractive display was put up by the Ontario Government. It was poorly located, however, being away off in a corner and at a considerable distance from the main fruit exhibit. Some very fine fruit was shown, there being an excellent display of commercial packages. The space was used to excellent advantage in displaying the fruit, which was placed so that it could be easily seen and examined by passers by. A prominent feature of this exhibit was a large pyramid of apples extending almost to the roof. The fruit in this exhibit was a good advertisement of the fruit growing possibilities of Ontario.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISPLAY

The British Columbia exhibit attracted much attention, and demonstrated the possibilities of British Columbia as a fruit growing province. Fruit of all kinds was shown, the early varieties being preserved in glass jars. The whole exhibit was displayed in a rustic booth of attractive design, which showed off the exhibit to perfection. The fruit in this exhibit was not packed especially for exhibition, but was exhibited as packed by the growers for ordinary commercial purposes.

Crab apples, peaches, plums, pears, apples and other varieties of fruit were shown in commercial packages, and judging by the display in the other sections of the hall, Ontario growers can well learn a few lessons from British Columbia growers concerning the art of packing fruit. The fruit was selected from all parts of the pro-

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