

THE LILACS (SYRINGAS).



FIG. 1156.—JEAN BART.

magnificent collection of lilac flowers from the nurseries at Fonthill, received on the 1st of June, representing thirty-eight named garden varieties. Such a grand display was well deserving of

WE in Canada are but novices in Horticulture, and know as yet little about the many varieties of beautiful shrubs with which to decorate our lawns and gardens. — Much less do we know concerning the numberless varieties of each which our friends, the professional nurserymen, are originating and propagating for our (and their own) benefit.

One of the best known of ornamental shrubs is the lilac. Almost every one knows there is a white and a purple lilac, but how many know there are dozens of cultivated varieties of great beauty! These numerous garden varieties are artificially improved from several species, such as *S. Chinensis* from China, *Emodi* from the Himalayas, *S. Japonica* from Japan, *Persica* from Persia, *S. Vulgaris* from Persia and Hungary, and others. The writer is indebted to Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, for a

notice, and was the means of gathering together several members of the Board of the Grimsby Horticultural Society to study their characteristics.