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shrubs and flowering plants are planted in different localities about the building.

Absence of straight lines in laying out the walks, with an apparent natural carelessness in connection with the whole plan, together with the blending of color with the quiet green grass plots, conspire together to render the surroundings of the Horticultural building one of quiet beautiful significance. The area called the Music Garden contains about two hundred beds, aggregating over three hundred thousand square feet, comprising many different sizes and containing a great variety of flowering plants, which will be extremely gay with color during the Exposition.

One hundred and fifty thousand bulbs were planted last fall, consisting of hyacinths, tulips, narcissi, jonquils, Spanish iris, etc. These bulbs are now bedecking themselves in the brightest and most gorgeous colors.

They will be at their brightest and best in May, and from this time on this flower

section will constantly change, being arranged to present a succession of flowers month after month during the whole season.

All these beds are filled with exhibits contributed by upwards of fifty of the leading horticultural firms of the country.

Fig. 2100 is one of our snaps showing a fine bed of tulips planted by James Vick & Sons, of Rochester, one sample of the many which attract the attention of the visitor; to the right is seen a portion of the famous triumphal bridge which, they say, was destined to express the triumphal struggle of the people of the United States to free themselves from the institutions of despotic ages and governments.

An interesting feature of the Horticultural Department will be the series of flower shows to be held from the opening day till the closing. The dates have been selected to suit the largest range of exhibitors, and are as follows:

Carnations—May 1 to May 8.

Tender roses—May 21 to May 25.

Paeonies—May 28 to June 7.

Hardy roses—June 18 to June 25.

Sweet peas—July 23 to August 2.

Gladiolus—Aug. 6 to Aug. 17.

Asters—Aug. 27 to Sept. 7.

Dahlias—Sept. 17 to Sept. 27.

Chrysanthemums—Oct. 22 to Oct. 31.

In closing, we would appeal to all our directors and to all our Horticultural societies to keep up weekly shipments of fruit to Mr. W. H. Bunting during the season, entering them under their own name, or under that of the society; and everything new sent forward during the season will be credited in making up the diploma.

**APPLE BOXES.**—The regulation size of the apple boxes shipped to England from New York is as follows: *Inside* measurement,  $9\frac{3}{4}$  inches high,  $10\frac{3}{4}$  wide,  $20\frac{3}{4}$  long.

This is about the same as the boxes adopted at the last meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at Brantford, which was, *outside* measurement,  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 22$  inches.