

The fact that the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition this year will be held in conjunction with the National Dairy, Live Stock and Poultry Show, should lead to a great increase in the attendance. It is probable that the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition under the new arrangement, will lose a good deal of its identity. This is to be regretted. The object of the exhibition, however, is to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number. If the new arrangement enables this to be done no valid objection can be taken to it. It deserves to receive a fair and sympathetic trial.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

The front cover illustration on this issue of *The Canadian Horticulturist* shows a St. Thomas school, which won first prize in the competition conducted by the St. Thomas Horticultural Society, among the schools of the City for the most attractive floral arrangement. Does it not set an excellent example for hundreds of other town and city schools?

The December issue of *The Canadian Horticulturist* will be to some extent a Special Christmas Number. An unusually attractive cover design has been prepared for that issue. It will be printed in colors. In addition the fruit, flower and vegetable departments will contain extracts from the most interesting papers read at the conventions which will be held in Toronto this month in connection with the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition by The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Ontario Horticultural Association, and the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association. As these papers will be prepared by a number of Canada's leading authorities on the subjects which will be dealt with, our December issue will be an unusually instructive and helpful one. In addition, full reports of the exhibits of fruit, flowers and vegetables will be published. Watch for our December number.

Ontario Horticultural Exhibition

The Ontario Horticultural Association is holding its annual exhibition this year in conjunction with the National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show, which opens at Exhibition Park on November 17. Under the influence of this new and larger organization it is expected that the fruit, flower and vegetable departments will receive an added impulse and support in maintaining their fall shows.

The importance of this year's event is emphasized by the scope taken by the new organization. The name "National" is intended to have far-reaching significance. The need of a national show has been a growing necessity the last few years, and the cooperation of the various branches of the great agricultural industry will make for its immediate and permanent success.

Entries in the fruit, flower and vegetable sections will not close until November 10, and from communications so far received an unusually large number of exhibitors will be represented.

The show occurs at the same time as the annual convention of the Women's Institutes of the province, and this event in itself will make for added interest.

In the poultry department a competition has been established for dressed fowl, and a demonstration of egg handling with appropriate lectures will also be a feature.

SOCIETY NOTES

We invite the officers of Horticultural Societies to send in short, pithy reports of work that would interest members of other Horticultural Societies.

School Competitions

Many horticultural societies in Ontario have obtained excellent results through the holding of school competitions. One of the most successful societies in the province is located in Galt. The Galt Society has held this contest. Eight prizes are offered to each school separately, the prizes being as follows: \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

The rules of the Galt Society are as follow:

Section 1 (a)—That all competitors be required to plant and cultivate a plot of ground equal to one hundred square feet, preferably ten by ten.

Section 1 (b)—That the Galt Horticultural Society provide them with two kinds of flower seeds and two kinds of vegetable seeds, to be grown by them in rows.

Section 1 (c)—That each competitor is required to exhibit two or more of his or her products at the Society's show, to be held on August 28th and 29th next, when each will have another chance of a prize in section three.

Section 1 (d)—That competition be confined to scholars in 3rd and 4th books.

Section 2—Any scholar not competing in Section 1 may obtain from the Society either two packages of flower seeds or two packages of vegetable seeds, to be sown and tended to by themselves, and some of their products must be exhibited at the Horticultural Show in competitions for prizes.

Section 3—A first and second prize, 75c and 50c, will be given to each school for the two best vases of Asters exhibited. Prizes donated by the President.

Section 4—A first and second prize, 75c and 50c, will be given to each school for the best two vases of Nasturtiums exhibited.

St. Thomas

The season of 1913 has proved the most successful in the history of the St. Thomas Horticultural Society. On September 6, the two big windows of the Baldwin Robinson's Co.'s store on Talbot Street were

filled with a beautiful display of flowers. Some magnificent asters were shown by Joseph Howard, and Mrs. D. Caughell, North Yarmouth, had some beautiful dahlias. In addition, there were a number of vegetable entries, and the cup, medals, and prizes donated by city merchants were also exhibited.

In the Lawn and Garden competition, there were one hundred and fifty entries. The quantity and quality was far ahead of last year's standing. W. R. Rewbotham, J. H. Still, F. E. Bennett, W. H. Jagoe, and Dr. Guest were the heavy prize winners in the home lawn classes. For floral beautification of the home, first honors went to W. R. Rewbotham and J. H. Still. Col. E. H. Caughell won the silver medal for the best perennial garden. W. R. Rewbotham was first on best rose garden. Balaclava Street School again won the first prize for the best kept school lawn. The best vegetable gardens were those of Jas. Graham and Alfred Walker. Pere Marquette railway shops had the best kept factory lawns, and the Merchants' Bank the finest looking business place.

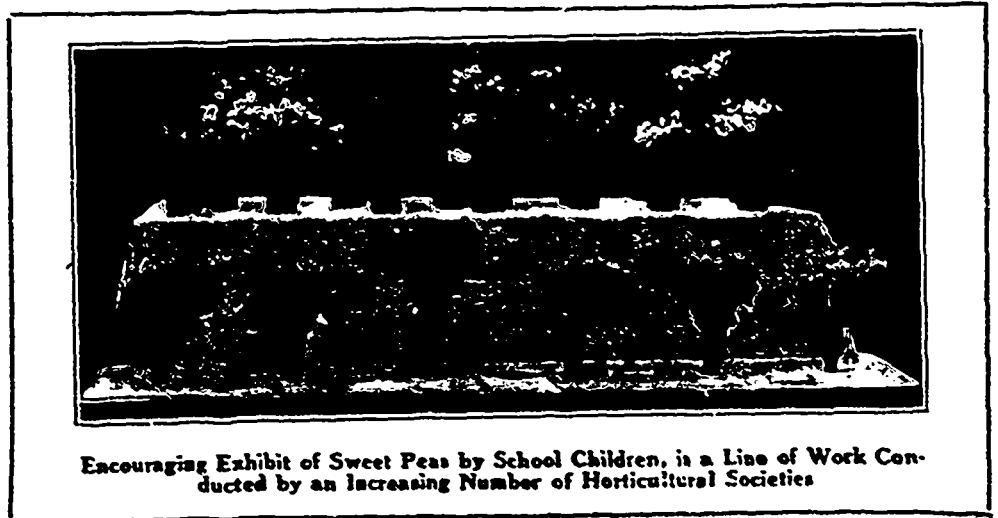
The St. Thomas Horticultural Society has issued its list of options for 1913-14. In a brief introduction the officers point out that during the past season the society more than doubled its membership, planted fifty-two public flower beds, held four flower shows, and paid over three hundred dollars in prizes for competitions. They assert that a membership of two thousand is not an unreasonable wish for 1914. In all some sixteen excellent options are offered.

Perth

The school children were a live factor at an exhibition held recently by the Perth Society. Over forty children made entries in sweet peas and asters. The St. Catharines Horticultural Society sent an exhibition of prize gladioli which had been grown by W. B. Burgoyne, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson, and Mr. C. A. Hesson. There were also some choice prize grapes and peaches from W. H. Bunting, W. J. Furminger and C. and A. Blungell, of that city.

Music was furnished, including selections by a male choir and home made candies and cut flowers were offered for sale. The society is now planning for the holding of an even better exhibition next year.

If we could get everybody in the Dominion educated to our standard box, I do not see any reason for adopting the Oregon box.—Jas. Gibb, British Columbia.



Encouraging Exhibit of Sweet Peas by School Children, is a Line of Work Conducted by an Increasing Number of Horticultural Societies