

## At The Canadian National Exhibition

EXCEPT in the plant section, the horticultural features of the Canadian National Exhibition were not as good as in past years. This was due, in the case of the fruit, vegetables, and cut flowers, largely to the backwardness of the season in spring and to the dry weather during the summer. There were some excellent collections of decorative plants. They were superior to any that have yet been seen in Toronto.

### THE FRUITS

In many respects the fruit exhibit was disappointing. Most of the specimens shown were not as mature as usual at that time of year. The tables used for displaying the fruit were not satisfactory. Those against the walls were altogether too wide both for display and for judging. It was almost impossible to examine the plates at the back of the table, and the visitors got a very poor view of them. The tables in the centre also were wide, when the manner of placing the exhibits was considered. If the tables had been divided in the centre and the classes arranged on either side so that the judges and the spectators would not have to look more than half way, they would have been satisfactory.

The tables for the box fruit were too high, and as the boxes were placed upon them in a level position, the onlooker could see little or nothing more than box. The box exhibit was valueless from an educational viewpoint. The tables for these packages should be six inches lower in front and gradually slope upwards towards the back. Had this been done, the appearance would have been more attractive. The collections of fruit from the St. Catharines Cold Storage Company, The Grantham Township Fruit Growers' Association, The Niagara Township Fruit Growers' Association, and The St. Catharines Horticultural Society, were very good, but should have been given a better position.

They would have appeared better on a table in the centre, where they could have been viewed from every side. In the boxed fruit entries, some boxes that were not of standard size received prizes. It is said that the exhib-

with green grapes—a difficult task. In the peach section there were some excellent plates. It was the general opinion, however, that a few mistakes had been made in placing the awards. A few of them are as follows: In a class calling for Chair's Choice, Elberta was entered and was given 2nd prize. In the section for Foster, ripe St. John received 1st and 3rd prizes. In



Display of Fruit in Boxes at Canadian National Exhibition

Showing how it appeared to the passersby. The arrangement was most unsuitable for best display

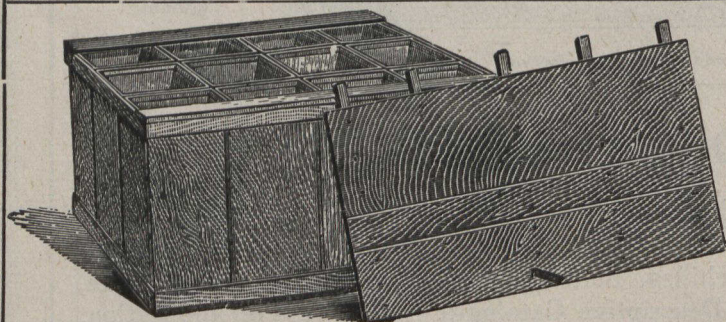
itor made a mistake and had his boxes made 10 x 11 x 20 inches, outside measurement instead of inside. Even so, the packages were the wrong size and not what was called for and, therefore, should have been disqualified. But for these few points, the exhibit of boxed apples and pears was creditable.

The grapes were better than was expected for the late season. The awards were placed well considering the fact that the judge had to work

one plate of 2nd prize Early Michigans were two early Rivers. In the pear section some fine specimens were to be seen, but in one or two cases the varieties were wrongly named. Tyson was entered for Gifford, and given 2nd prize. Louise Bonne was entered in the section for "any other fall" but was ruled out by the judge. Tyson was also entered for Lawson and was given 1st prize. The plum exhibit was better than was expected for the season and date.

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