



FIG. 2012. MR. ROBT. HAMILTON,  
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Eastern plane. This is a very interesting tree with its innumerable little seed balls tangling by a slender thread. Along the River Seine and the canals the black poplar is everywhere met with. Rare specimens of linden and locust were seen and also the *Salisburia* or Maiden-hair tree.

In private grounds that may be seen from the streets, the variety of trees is, of course, very much greater than in the streets, inasmuch as there is no restriction as to size, character, &c., so that one sees weeping trees of all kinds—maples, willows, elms, birches, cherries, ashes, beeches, mulberries, locusts, lindens; cut-leaved trees of as many families—crimson and purple leaved trees, variegated leaved trees; conifers; cedars of Lebanon, hemlocks, balsams, spruces, *Wellingtonia gigantea*, &c. Trees with round heads, fastigiate

trees—that seem to wish to hold communion with as few as possible of their fellows and aspire heavenward, Lombardy poplars and Bolleana poplars, pyramidal birch, monumental elm; small flowering trees like the Golden Chain (*Cytisus*), the Japan lilac, the Crimson Double Thorn, magnolias, mulberries, and double-flowering apples. Of flowering shrubs the variety is practically endless. Rhododendrons are seen ten feet high and fifteen feet diameter, a solid bouquet and *Kalmias* almost as large; *euonymus*, *hibiscus*, *hydrangeas*, silver bells (*halesia*), *azaleas*, *ceanothus*, *Azalea mollis*, &c., to say nothing of the *Weigelia*s, *Philadelphus*, honeysuckles, *spiraeas* and lilacs that we know so well here.

#### HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITS.

One feature of the Horticultural Concours that struck us as somewhat strange was the fact that all the exhibitors were professionals. There were no exhibits from private gentlemen's grounds, nor did there seem to be anything from market gardeners. Large establishments, syndicates, and horticultural societies were the only concurrents or competitors.

The Horticultural Society of France is said to be very rich. The building where its members meet for the transaction of business—a large magnificent affair, said to have cost a half million francs, and which yields an annual revenue of twenty thousand francs—is the property of the Association. The two horticultural pavilions of the late exhibition, two magnificent structures, are also said to belong to this association.

Yet, when all is said of the grandeur of the late exhibition, it must be admitted that, when we consider the wealth of France in everything horticultural, together with its population and wealth, our Ottawa, Toronto, or Montreal exhibitions, are comparatively much better.

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