

collection of potatoes of one hundred varieties. This was a rare sight, and the selection and display was highly creditable. The gourd class were of huge dimensions. The cabbage were of fine quality and size, and the cauliflowers were perfect. All demonstrated that the mud of the old Assiniboine, with some skill, is capable of the very highest results, not second to the most highly favored districts of the globe.

The Committee, in seeking means to encourage free competitions, observes that the common practice of feeing each entry on all classes was a great deterrent and a severe tax on many willing competitors. We resolved on a slight membership fee to cover certain advantages and all competition, and this we found not only simpler but also proved to bring out competition freely. Some members entered in over 20 classes and several over 30.

Another item in our arrangements which we thought would be contributing to success, was in limiting the area of the Society's competition, so as to have some control over exhibitors in making bona fide exhibits. This is calculated to give greater confidence and a keener interest to exhibitors in general.

The series of papers which were prepared and to be delivered at our monthly meetings, were "Sap Circulation in plants," "On City Tree Planting," "The Potting and Shifting of Window Plants," "The Points of Merit to be Observed in Staging Plants, Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables for competition," "On Selection of the best Prairie Flowers for garden cultivation." I am sorry to say that these are still in the portfolios of their authors, and from a variety of fortuitous circumstances sufficient numbers did not turn up to encourage their delivery, but we are now making more successful arrangements.

At our annual meeting, last Tuesday, we discussed the idea, which we are to carry out, of communicating with all the towns and villages within a certain area to ascertain