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PRODUCTS OF FARM AND GARDEN.

What the rich soil of Western Ontario produces when the season is favorable, was displayed in the agricultural building, where grains, grasses, field roots, garden vegetables, fruits, plants and flowers made one of the best departments of the Western Fair. The grains were clean, the field roots were of enormous size, the fruits were tempting, and the flowers were beautiful.

In the classes of grains including wheat, oats, barley, beans, peas, corn, etc., the tickets chiefly went to R. P. Wilson, of Sheridan; M. Brethour, of Woodham; H. Wickerson, of Byron; D. R. Palmer & Sons, of Thorndale, and Wm. Gould, of Glencoe.

Among those who won prizes with field roots: H. L. Nichol, of Hubrey; W. R. Trott, of London West; P. West, of Ilderton; John Murray, of Wilton Grove; Wm. Gould, of Glencoe, and R. Tuckey, of Ferguson.

Potatoes were excellent; in fact, the judge, W. A. Broughton, said they were the best he had ever seen. The awards fell largely to W. R. Trott, of London West; Wm. Naismith, of Falkenburg; Jas. Pool, of Lambeth, and Abel Steele, of Ferguson. Naismith's lots from Muskoka were of excellent quality, but on collection of twenty varieties he was beaten by W. R. Trott, who had varieties as follows: Rural New Yorker, Early Ohio, Canadian Beauty, Greich Cobbler, Early Pride, American Wonder, Burpee's Extra Early, Mean's Enormous, Green Mountain, Hammond's Wonderful, Seedling 96; Beauty of Hebron, Early Michi-

gan, Early Market, Early Bo-
vee, Carmen No. 3, Red River
Triumph, Mant's Early Thor-
oughbred, and Naught Six.

In garden crops, Abel Steele, W. R. Trott, Wm. Naismith and R. W. Mills, of Ealing; B. Wis-
tow, of London East, and G. H. Pond, of The Gore, were among the prominent prizewinners.

Awards in fruit were made by D. Tempsey, of Stratford. The choicest lots belonged to J. E. Hambly, of Cedar Springs; Marshall Bros., of Hamilton; G. H. Wild, of Hamilton; H. W. Webb, of Hamilton; Wm. Gould, of Glencoe; Chas. Rodgers, of Woodstock; J. Lyons, of Wal-
lacetown; S. D. Furminger, of St. Catharines; L. C. Gray, of St. Catharines; C. H. Bamp-
fylde, of Hamilton; W. S. Fox, of Olinda; Geo. Winter, of Lon-
don, and W. E. Bouck, of Mil-
ford. The St. Catharines and Hamilton men carried off many of the awards, but Hambly and Fox got a good share. For five varieties of cooking apples, Hambly won the red card with Duchess, Fall Pippin, Graven-
stein, King, and Rhode Island

Greening. The same grower won with collection of six varieties on Duchess, St. Lawrence, Snow, Spy, Baldwin, and Ben Davis. Marshall Bros. won on collection of ten varieties, with Astrachan, St. Lawrence, Wealthy, Gravenstein, King, On-
tario, R. I. Greening, Spy, Baldwin, and Ben Davis. G. H. Wild won with collection of ten varieties of pears, on Bartlett, Duchess, Clairgeau, Beurre Superfine, Howell, Flemish Beauty, Anjou, Sheldon, Beurre Bosc, and Seikel.

Plums, 8 varieties, went to Mr. Wild, on Reine Claude, Coe's Golden Drop, Lombard, Monarch, Yellow Egg, Pond's Seedling, Grand Duke, and Bradshaw.

Grapes formed an attractive part of the fruit display. The best eight varieties were: Brighton, Concord, Worden, Rogers' 44, Niagara, Vergennes, Delaware, and Rogers' 19.

Banks and groups of plants and flowers gave one wing of the building a distinctly horticultural appearance. The display by Gammage & Sons included magnificent stock, arranged to advantage. Darch & Hunter also had an attractive exhibit of their supplies, as well as field roots and other crops grown from their seeds.

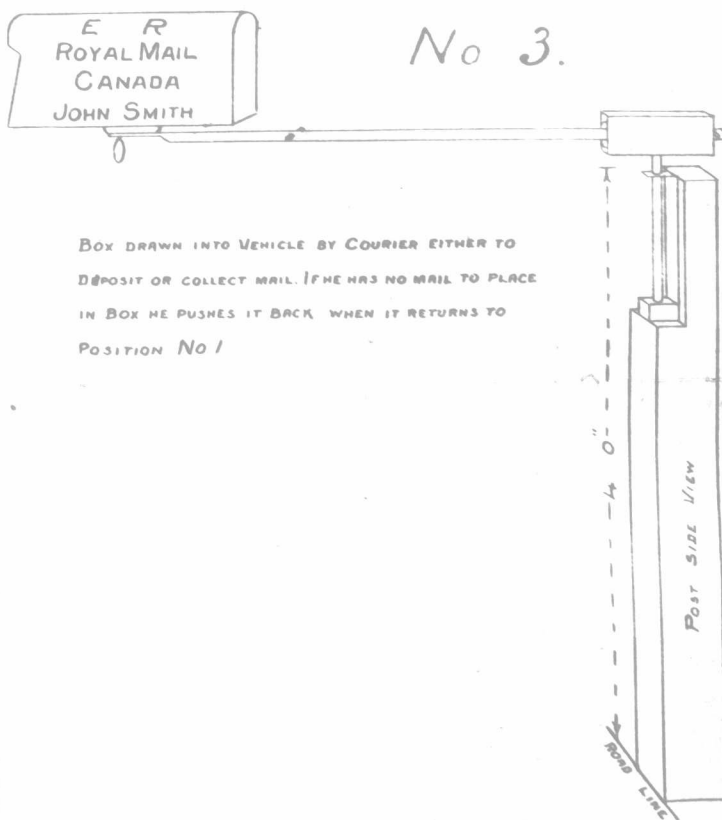
WORKING OF RURAL MAIL BOX.

The rural mail box to be used as an essential part of the plan for rural delivery of mail matter in Can-
ada, as recently announced by Hon. R. Lemieux, Post-
master General, consists of a suitable box on an arm
attached to a post, and so contrived that the position
of the box on the arm to which it is attached easily
can be changed from lying lengthwise along the arm to
directly across the end of it. The arm itself should
lie along the road in the direction of travel either way.

When the position of the box is across the end of the arm it is an indication to the patron or to the courier that the box contains mail matter. On the other hand, when the box lies lengthwise along the arm it is a notification either to the courier or to the patron that no mail matter has been deposited therein. The position of the box on the arm can be changed from lengthwise to crosswise without difficulty. The accompanying illustrations serve to show the relative positions of the box and the arm when the box is empty and when mail matter has been deposited therein, either for collection by the courier or for delivery to the patron.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS.

Many improvements are noticed by those who pay the Western Fair an annual visit. The new coat of paint and the improved lighting have given the buildings and surroundings an appearance of new-
ness. Special wash room accommo-
dation, and reading rooms for ladies and gents, are greatly appreciated by all. It is such progressive work on the part of the management that will ensure continued success to the London Fair.



HALIFAX EXHIBITION.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, held at Halifax, Sept. 2nd to 10th, can scarcely be termed an unqualified success. The early date on which the fair was held was chosen against the wish of the majority of the agricultural representatives on the commission. The outside commissioners who did agree with the city representatives for the early dates, did so with the conviction that the best way to convince the advocates of an early date of the folly of holding an agricultural exhibition in the Maritime Provinces in the early part of September, was to let them try it once.

This conviction would seem to have been justified, for, in spite of perfect weather the attendance was far from satisfactory. Furthermore, the city houses are complaining that they did very little business. The breeders also complain that there were no inquiries for stock. The manufacturers' building was never better filled; the transportation building contained excellent exhibits; the fisheries and mines buildings and machinery hall were never better; the exhibits of live stock were excellent; "but the dates were too early, and the farmer was not there." Fruit and roots and vegeta-
bles were by no means a fair sample of what can be done in these lines in the Maritime Provinces; otherwise the show was above the average.

One of the most pleasing features of the exhibition was the display of Clydesdale horses. The exhibitors in this class numbered 12, and came from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. When the six aged stallions were led before the judge the ringside began to "take notice." Baron Primrose, belonging to C. R. H. Starr & Sons, of Port Williams, N.S., seemed to be the favorite, and soon found his way to the top. He was followed by a flash-going horse, shown by P. S. Brown, Charlottetown, P.E.I. The third-prize horse was shown by Frank R. Heartz, from the same place.

