

## Horticulture at the Canadian National

THE horticultural exhibits at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, last month were superior in most respects to those of last and previous years. More good material was shown than ever before. The quality of the individual exhibits was good and the arrangement was a long step ahead of past efforts. An effort was made to have the show of fruit, flowers and vegetables artistically displayed rather than a mere jumble of entries put up in any old way.

### THE FRUIT

Owing to the closeness of competition in the fruit department, the judges had much difficulty in placing the awards. There was a greater number of varieties than in past years and the quality was good and mostly uniform. The color and size of the specimens was well advanced. The exhibitors seemed to have exercised great care in selection. In apples, the collections of 40 varieties were fine. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Harry Dempsey, of Rednersville, Ont., who put up one of the finest lots of apples ever seen at the exhibition. The second and third prizes went to Mr. W. E. Weese, Albury, Ont., and Marshall Bros., Hamilton, respectively, for exhibits almost equally as good. The display of apples on plates also was fine. They were well colored and well grown. In the display of apples in boxes, there was some good fruit but apparently some of our growers have something yet to learn about packing. Many of the boxes were packed ideally but others either were slack, too full or not uniform in grading. Some exception was taken to the awards given in some of the sections but probably had

those who objected heard from the judge his reasons for placing the awards as he did, they would have been satisfied. One noticeable thing, however, was the fact that prizes were awarded in some three or four instances to apples packed in evaporated apple boxes rather than in the standard boxes for export.

The peaches were an exceptionally fine lot. They were highly colored and of superior quality. Space will not allow a detailed reference to the various exhibits and the successful competitors. We can mention only one winner who was most successful. Mr. T. G. Bunting, of St. Catharines, secured first prize in most of the sections in which he entered and he had a large number of exhibits. He entered 13 plates and secured 13 first prizes. He was fortunate, also, in securing first prize for the best display of fruits, including apples, pears, grapes, peaches and plums.

Unlike last year, the grapes were very fine. They were well colored and mature. The whole display was creditable. The plums were away ahead of anything of the kind that have been seen for years. Pears also were good. Those packed in boxes could not have been improved upon.

In spite of the great improvements in the display of fruits, it cannot be said that perfection was attained. Two important points in arrangement could have been bettered. The display of fruits in commercial packages was poorly put up. The boxes were placed flat on the tables just as they were last year and which was pointed out in THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST at the time. The exhibit was almost valueless from an educational viewpoint. By placing the boxes on the level, there is also a

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