

our requirements from your country, nothing but the first grade should be shipped, apples quite clean, free of spots and scabs.

#### THANKS.

THE editor desires to thank Prof. H. L. Hutt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, for his kindness in reading proof of manuscript left for the Journal during the absence of the editor in Europe, and in adding to the Notes and Comments and to the other matter according to his good judgment; also to thank Mr. G. C. Creelman and Mr. T. H. Race, members of the editorial committee, for their kind assistance during his vacation tour.

#### A GOOD EXHIBIT.

OUR fruit stations sent in a very large and creditable exhibit to the Industrial this year, and yet, among so large and yearly increasing a list of varieties it is surprising how few are really desirable for any one district. The decision of the board that next year the experimenters must divide their exhibits so as to show the kinds that are valuable, separately from those that should be discarded, will make the exhibit of far greater value.

In Mr. Hillborn's collection of peaches we noticed some wonderfully fine samples of the Fitzgerald. With us at Maplehurst this peach has not equalled the Crawford in size, and, being of nearly the same season, we have not commended it very strongly. These samples, however, were so large and fine that they surpassed even the Early Crawford. The Wickson plum in his collection was larger than that shown by Mr. Mitchell, our plum specialist, but this simply shows that in Essex this plum is a little earlier and possibly succeeds a little better than it does in the County of Grey. At Maplehurst this plum is showing up grandly this season, and if, as the tree increases in size it also becomes more productive, it will be one of the finest of the Japans.

When fully ripe it is delicious eating, and in size it certainly beats them all.

In Mr. Dempsey's collection of apples from Trenton, we find, as usual, the Ontario, Stark, Ben Davis and Fallawater prominent, although he acknowledges that the Fallawater is rather disappointing in productiveness. There are over 150 varieties in Mr. Dempsey's collection, rather a bewildering lot to the novice who wants to know what he ought to plant. Next year, when separated into classes, it will be exactly what such a man will wish to see and study.

Mr. Jones, of Maitland, shows a fine collection of the hardier varieties of apples and plums. Among the apples we notice good samples of N. W. Greening, Milwaukee and McMahon White.

In Mr. Caston's collection, from Craig-hurst, among many other kinds we observed the Shackleford and the Peerless, western varieties of some promise. His Alexanders and Baxters were especially fine, showing them to be adapted to that section.

Mr. Huggard's exhibit from Whitby, was large, but needed such classification as will be made next year in order to be of real value.

Mr. Mitchell's splendid collection of plums from Clarkson, Mr. Pettit's extensive collection of grapes from Winona, Mr. Peart's samples of commercial pears from Burlington, and Mr. Sherrington's commercial apples from Walkerton, all alphabetically arranged, are also deserving of special notice.

The whole was under the able superintendency of Mr. W. M. Orr, of Fruitland, Ont.

#### FRUITS THAT WILL PAY.

THE market conditions in Ontario are changing so rapidly that it is only by the most intelligent planting and the top grafting of orchards already planted that the fruit grower can keep up with the de-