

play was too green for exhibition, although some of the fruits showed very attractive coloring. Two weeks later would be much better for the large fruit section of the exhibition. The Buchanan Nursery Co. had quite a large table covered with seedling crabs and another table contained about 75 plates of seedling plums, mostly of the native type, but some of them large and very attractive in coloring. Outside of this one exhibit, the plum display was not very large.

The vegetable exhibit was a real wonder. Besides very large collections put up by the Canadian Pacific gardens at Louise Bridge and the Government House at Winnipeg, there were six collections shown by professionals. Besides this, there was a very full entry for competition in all the classes for individual varieties.

The amateur exhibit of vegetables was not inferior in any way to that shown by the professionals. In some sections it was superior, notably in cabbages and potatoes.

The flower sections of the show were also very strong. Of the city greenhouse men, A. H. Stopler and R. B. Ormiston were the only ones to put in displays, but excellent and large exhibits of decorative plants were put up by the Winnipeg Parks Board, the Agricultural College and Government House. Besides this the Elmwood Cemetery Co. made a splendid display that showed what they are doing in the way of growing conifers, ornamental shrubbery and flowers. The Buchanan Nursery Co., Brookside Cemetery and the Winnipeg Parks Board also exhibited quite a large number of cut flowers.

Besides this, there was a very large display of cut flowers both professional and amateur entered in the contests for different varieties. Among all the different kinds that were shown it is hard to particularize

but perhaps sweet peas, gladioli and asters may be mentioned as being particularly fine. The potted plants did not make a large exhibit and were not of a very superior quality.

Most of the exhibitors at the exhibition belonged to the Winnipeg district, but besides local exhibits quite a number were brought from outside points. This was especially the case in the fruit sections, but S. Larcombe, of Birtle, who came almost two hundred miles with a fine collection of vegetables and cut flowers, may be given special mention, as well as note made of the vegetable exhibit which was received from Dauphin too late to enter for competition.

Montreal

E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector

Fruit going forward so far under my inspection has been of very fair quality, principally apples and pears. Of course, the kinds of apples going forward—Duchess, Alexanders, Wealthy, Colverts, Jenneting—are not so subject to fungi as many varieties to follow, I am glad to report one lot of R. I. Greenings that went forward of a very clean type and well matured for season.

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