

**British Columbia, a Competitor in Winnipeg.**

SIR.—I am just in receipt of a letter from Peachland B. C., in which the writer is most enthusiastic over the future of that country. He says that last year the Cold Stream Ranch (Lord Aberdeen's) produced, from one hundred acres apples which

sold for thirteen thousand dollars! I think that Ontario fruit growers should be aroused to a sense of the danger of this western province stealing away from them their best market.

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**Our Affiliated Societies**

**Hamilton.**—The Spectator flower garden competition has been finally closed, all the entries having been tabulated and arranged in order and the list handed over to the committee of the City Improvement and Horticultural societies. Nearly 100 boys and girls are working in the junior competition and over 50 adults are interested in the contest for grown-up people. The entries are from all parts of the city, and the judges will have a good deal of traveling to do in making their several inspections during the season. These inspections will be unannounced, and it is expected that there will be at least three of them before the end of the season and before the awards are made. In the meantime the contestants are all working to make sure that their gardens are the very best in the whole city and that the first prize is coming their way.

**Paris.**—The Horticultural Society has interested itself in the improvement of the school grounds, and especially in the planting of a large collection of trees and shrubs, in order that the children may become familiar with the varieties. A gentleman who has travelled much, has expressed great appreciation of the work, and says that no where else has he seen so excellent a collection of varieties planted on school grounds. The society furnished elms, walnuts, basswoods, horse chestnuts, white oaks, hickory, white birch, cut leaf and negundo maples, Colorado blue spruces and tulip trees in sufficient number to surround the large school grounds, and besides this there is a large collection of flowering and ornamental shrubs, spiræas, deutzias, weigelas, syringas, hydrangeas, flowering thorns, forsythias, and a variety of native shrubs, which have been planted to give the best effects.

**Our Book Table**

**AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL MANUAL, PART I.**—Comprising the leading principles and practices connected with the propagation, culture and improvement of fruits, nuts, ornamental trees, shrubs and plants in the United States and Canada, by Prof. J. L. Budd, of Ames, Iowa. Cloth, \$1.50.

The plan of this work seems to be somewhat after that of Downing's *Fruits and Fruit Trees of America*, except that the part giving cultural methods is published in a separate volume, and the Systematic Descriptions will follow as Part II in the same manner. That many changes and advances have been made in horticulture since Downing's work was published, is evident from the many appendices which are being made to that valuable work, and we welcome this work of Prof. Budd's as an effort to bring up to date the Pomology of North America. With such excellent manuals at hand, no fruit grower needs to be ignorant of either the best varieties to plant, or the best methods of cultivation.

**IRRIGATION FARMING**, a hand book for the proper application of water in the production of crops, by L. M. Wilcox, editor of "Field and Farm." Revised and enlarged edition. Illustrated 1902.

The chapter on "Irrigation of the Garden" will alone commend the book to market gardeners, and that on "Irrigation of the Orchard" will make it indispensable to the many fruit growers in Ontario who have suffered serious loss of late years from long continued drouths, and conse-

quent small sized fruit. The principal chapters treat very fully of the advantages of irrigation; relations of soils to irrigation; treatment of alkali; water supply; canal construction; reservoirs and ponds; pipes for irrigation purposes; flumes and their structure; duty and measurement of water; methods of applying water; irrigation of field crops, the garden, the orchard, the vineyard and small fruits; all about alfalfa; windmills and pumps; devices, appliances and contrivances; sub-irrigation and subsoiling; sewage and drainage; irrigation in humid regions; common law of irrigation; glossary of irrigation terms, etc. The volume is profusely, handsomely and practically illustrated.

**COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.**—Sixth Annual Report, 1901, by W. A. Campbell.

**WESTERN FAIR.**—Prize List, London, Canada, September 12th to 20th, 1902.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**—Annual Report of the Fruit Growers' Association, 1902.

**ONTARIO FRUIT EXHIBIT AT PAN AMERICAN,** 1901, W. H. Banting, of St. Catharines, Supt. This report has been published as an appendix to the report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Banting first gives a capital summary of such fruits in connection with the exhibits as are of the most practical importance to our fruit growers; then follows an official list of awards; a list of collective exhibits with dates; and a complete alphabetical list of all varieties of fruits shown.