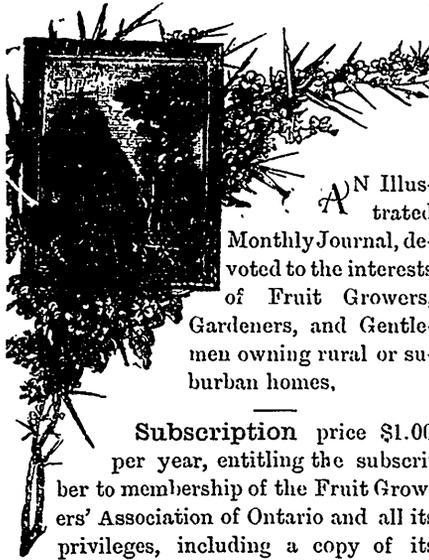


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The Horticultural Show at the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, was in some respects most creditable. The Floral Hall was lighted with electric lights in the evening, and the display of greenhouse plants was profuse and arranged in good taste. But the fruits, especially the apples and pears, were put aside in canvas tents, which were miserably lighted in the evening.

One great fault in this department was the lack of proper labels for the different varieties of fruits and flowers shown. To make a show of fruits profitable to the visitor it is all-important that the names should be clearly seen, and thus a knowledge of excellent varieties widely diffused throughout the country. A few plates of fruits were

properly labelled by means of the wire support which lifted the label above the fruit so that it could be easily seen, and where printed in large type the name was easily read, without stooping. But, in most cases, the labels were either pasted on the fruit, or written in a most illegible style, on a slip which was dropped on the plate, and hidden beneath the specimens.

The same defect was observable in the exhibit of flowers. It was only by searching that the amateur could succeed in finding the specific names, nor would the search be in every case successful. Now it is surely not too high an aim for such exhibitions to endeavor to educate the public concerning the names and groupings of choice plants, and we would suggest the use of plainly printed labels of the varieties shown, and these conspicuously placed for the benefit of all. These should be provided by the Directors, all uniform in style, and each exhibitor obliged to use them.

Prof. C. H. Bessy, in *American Agriculturist*, says we should put the study of soils, plants, animals, air and clouds, &c., into our schools. The farmer's profession is about the only one for which the man is not specially prepared by study or training; hence when he meets with grasses, poisonous weeds, smuts, rusts, insect foes, &c., &c., he is wholly ignorant of the objects before him. Certainly the Professor has the right of it, and we are glad to notice that Prof. Mills, of Guelph Agricultural College, advocates an improvement in this particular in our Canadian schools.

Don't allow the weeds to ripen their seeds. Just now the ugly ragweed (*Ambrosia bidentata*) and the Common Burdock (*Lappa major*) are maturing