

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

for the most price it was about 10/. In 1897 the highest was 25/ and the lowest 12/6. If these latter prices prevail, fruit growers will have to cease growling about the disappointments of the fruit growers.

A GOOD HINT.—A good many of our societies hesitate about making a flower show, thinking it a vast undertaking. We have found it the simplest thing in the world, and about the most enjoyable. Let the show be only one day and evening, and if in a small place, in the evening only; let an orchestra be secured for the evening, and have a promenade concert to view the flowers. Let these be well distributed through the hall, so as to be of easy access, and the popularity of the affair will be surprising. The members contributing to the floral show, may have free tickets of admission, and all others should pay; and the proceeds will pay expenses.

One very important consideration is the engaging of a man who knows how to move flowers to take charge of the collecting of the plants and their return to their owners. This is essential to the success of the show. A committee should go in advance and secure a list of exhibits to be collected. The Kincardine Society arranged to hold a show of this kind on Aug. 25th, and early in August sent out the following circular.

August 4th, 1898.—The Kincardine Horticultural Society has decided to hold its second Annual Exhibition in the Town Hall, Kincardine, during the day and evening of Friday, August 28th. To ensure success it is very necessary that you as a member should do your part towards the exhibition by a liberal display of flowers, foliage and flowering plants. You will please note that any healthy plant will be gladly accepted for exhibition. There must be a

large display. A collector will call upon you on Thursday, 25th August, so please have your exhibits in readiness for him. The greatest care will be taken of everything.

Mark all your pots for identification.

On Friday evening a promenade Band Concert will be given in connection with the exhibition.

All members contributing plants or flowers are entitled to two tickets of admission to the hall. General admission, 10 cents. The directors have decided that between the hour of four and five o'clock in the afternoon the school children will be admitted free.

A. C. WASHBURN,
President.

JOS. BARKER,
Secretary.

FRUIT GRADER.—An excellent invention has been completed by E. H. Wartman, Kingston, Ontario. It is a fruit grader, consisting of a sorting table and fruit sizer, so arranged that fruit of various sizes can be separated easily for separate packing. We are trying it for Bartlett pears for the English market, and we intend using it later on for apples.

For the best success in marketing our fruit we must grade, both in size and quality.

SMITH'S SEEDLING PEACH.—A sample of this Seedling was shown us on the 25th August, at a season when good peaches are very scarce. Hales Early was just over and Honest John not yet ready. The peach was grown from seed at Hamilton, by R. T. Smith, who believes he has a prize worth looking after. It is large in size, with beautiful bright, red cheek. It has a distinct suture, a deep cavity, and quite a depressed apex. The skin is easily removed without a knife. The flesh is white, very tender, sweet, rich and very juicy. A freestone—a capital dessert peach.