

cultivation was found, and not a little taste in some arrangements. This section our Society mean to give some attention, as we believe the embellishment of the farm home is an element to be encouraged, and the taste and high intelligence of the majority of the prairie farmers we are sure would rally round any village and town for an annual horticultural show and fete.

In fruits we were, naturally, weak in competition, but some excellent dishes of red and black currants and gooseberries were shown, and also several meritorious collections of fruit, including plums and raspberries. In all we had twenty-four competitions in the fruit classes.

Outside the competitive classes we had a truly splendid exhibition of plums, apples, pears, quinces and blackberries from the horticultural department of British Columbia Experimental Farm, and also plums, pears, apples, &c., from six or seven fruit growing districts of British Columbia, some of the plums being of very superior size and quality, especially that excellent culinary variety "Pond's Seedling."

From eastern Canada we had a small but most interesting collection of apples from the Horticultural Department of Ottawa Experimental Farm, as we had asked for some representation of their hardiest apples, from the Experimental Farm and fruit growers through which we might be able in the more immediate future to found our Manitoba orchards. But from the object lesson given us we are afraid the solution of this problem is relegated to the "dim and distant future." So far as the possibility of growing apples here, we found, on visiting gardens in the City, in two gardens, about the middle of August, healthy trees bearing apples, between two and three inches in diameter, which, on this high altitude, is a most encouraging sign. About 600 extra exhibits were made.

One of the most valuable features of the show was a splendid collection of vegetables put up by Mr. Bedford from his Horticultural Department. It included a finely developed