

to the welfare of our country. Not less courteous has been the condescension of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, who has been pleased to take a particular interest in the exhibition of our fruits.

CLOSING REMARKS.

I have only space to make the briefest mention of an important matter connected with the future well-being and advancement of our fruit interests. I refer to the rights of our hybridists in the fruits of their industry. Why should not our hybridists be protected in their rights just in the mode that authors are protected? They should have a right to the name they give their products and have the privilege of selling their rights to individuals, townships, counties, states, or provinces. In short, they should have a copy-right in their own property.

Another important matter claiming the efforts of fruit producers is the subject of drying fruits, canning and preserving them. Tomatoes, for instance, have been selling wholesale for fifteen cents. In the market they have brought twenty-five cents, leaving margin sufficient for a handsome profit to the preserver.

I have only another word to say and I have done. It is unusual that I should exhibit a grumbling mood in my annual address. This year, however, I cannot but remark that with regard to the Dominion prize medals for our fruit department, we seem to live in a bronze age. It may be a little brassy for your President to remark that in Class 36, with twenty-five sections, our quota of medals was two silver and five bronze medals. Class 1, with eleven sections, has had awarded to it one gold, two silver, and five bronze medals. The general fruit list, Class 38, with seventy sections has had five bronze medals awarded. Natural history, which in past exhibitions has been a mere bagatelle, any one being able to place in a small portmanteau the valuable contributions in its Class 44, with seventeen sections, has only obtained two gold, two silver, and two bronze medals. I wish to have it on record that I had neither act or part in this distribution, but simply that of protesting against our cherished culture being lowered to the bronze age.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Our Association has lost a worthy member in the demise of the late Archibald MacCallum M.A., LL.B., Inspector of Public Schools, Hamilton. He was one of our quiet, but active members. Indeed, it may justly be said, that he was always ready to lend a helping hand to every cause that has for its object the welfare and happiness of his fellow creatures. Engaged, as he was, in the active discharge of the duties of a singularly busy life, he yet had time for recreation in the shape of a diligent cultivator of fruit trees. With honest pride he showed the results of his experiments in gardening, and exhibited good taste, both in the selection and cultivation of his fruits. He has gone, greatly lamented by a large circle of admiring friends. The death, however, of a good man ought not to be lamented. We ought to rejoice that he combined in a very eminent degree, the qualities, of the worthy citizen, and the humble disciple of our Lord and Master. His departure is fruitful in important lessons, to do with all our might those things that our hands find to do, ere the night of death cometh when we cannot work. He was a christian, and that embraces all of good that can be said of him. His end was peace. When our day of departure comes, may we die the death of the righteous, and may our latter end be like his. In such an hour as we know not the Son of man cometh. "Be ye also ready." May we so strive to discharge our duties that when the summons goes forth, "cut them down" we may hear the gladdening sentence, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, that travels on
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon; but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
Around him, and lies down to pleasant dreams"

ROBERT BURNET, *President.*

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