

## PAN-AMERICAN HORTICULTURE—II.



FIG. 2098.



**OUR CANADIAN FRUIT COURT.**—In our previous letter we gave a brief description of court in the Horticultural building; and since that time we made another visit and secured a couple of snaps which will give our readers some idea of the installation and of the exhibit. Fig. 2098 shows us a glimpse of the arches described on page 217, which were indeed excellent and appropriate, in design and execution. Mr. Collins, Mr. Bunting's assistant, and the young lady stenographer are also seen with the exhibit, and in the interior the trophy, with an exhibit of domestic canned fruit quite creditable to Canadian house wives. Unfortunately no preparation was made in 1960 for an exhibit of bottled fruit. Mr. Bunting intends having a good collection of currants, gooseberries, cherries and other early perishable fruits put up in acids for exhibition after their season is over.

Fig. 2099 shows the court from another side, with one of the tables of cold storage apples set forth. These apples form the chief part of the exhibit for the months of May and June, and even in July and August while fresh fruits are still scarce, excepting small fruits, these apples, the crop of 1901,

must necessarily be a prominent feature in the exhibit. Fortunately these are coming out of cold storage in excellent condition, even Holland Pippin and Blenheim Orange. Some of them have been on the tables since the 18th of May, over a month, and are still looking well, not over 50 per cent. of them requiring removal through decay; a good proof of the fallacy of common notion that fruit will not stand up well after being in cold storage. We are pleased to see the testimony of American papers to the excellence of this exhibit, and to find that even Americans are admitting that the Ontario exhibit ranks second to none in the Horticultural building. For example the New York Fruit Trade Journal, under date of June 8th, writes :—

"There are some excellent specimens of Canadian apples, some Spys being perhaps a little better than anything in the New York State exhibit. The exhibit from Illinois is pronounced inferior to the New York standard. Catawba grapes are keeping remarkably well. None of them have been removed yet on account of decay. Black grapes are about done."

A correspondent writes from Buffalo on the 20th June :—"Ontario's exhibit is attracting a good deal of attention on account of the fine quality of fruit placed upon the tables. Expressions of wonder and admiration are heard on every side that it is possible to display fruit of such fine quality."

The Jersey Advocate and Dairyman of New York City says :

"Canada contributes a most interesting and instructive exhibit from Ontario."

It is to be hoped that Americans who see this exhibit will carry away with them a more correct idea of the land of the maple leaf and beaver than most of us now possess. The average American deludes himself with the idea that Canada is a land of snow, forests, rocks and rapids, with no particular products except pale ale, toboggans and canoes.