

PUBLISHER'S DESK

The front cover illustration of this issue has been made once more from a photograph of a Pacific Coast orchard. For some reason we are unable to explain the fruit growers of British Columbia take more interest in obtaining good photographs of their orchards and the work conducted therein than do the fruit growers of the east. We generally have plenty of good illustrations of western orchards on hand, but frequently find it difficult to obtain ones equally as good from Ontario, Quebec, or the Maritime Provinces. There are plenty of good orchards in all these districts. One reason western orchards are receiving the attention they are at the hands of the public may be found in the greater enterprise of their owners in this respect.

There is nothing special about this issue of *The Canadian Horticulturist*. Nevertheless we believe that our readers will find that it is a strong issue from cover to cover. Our back pages are a little more full than usual with reports of the fall exhibitions, but this is only what is expected to be the case at this season of the year. Our November issue will also be a strong one.

A number of the regular advertisers in *The Canadian Horticulturist* showed their confidence in their goods by making large displays at the Canadian National Exhibition. The many people who examined these exhibits learned much that was helpful and of interest. In this issue a number of these exhibits are described. Our readers will find a perusal of them interesting.

Our plans are already being laid for next year's issues of *The Canadian Horticulturist*. Many of Canada's greatest authorities in fruit, flower, and vegetable growing are being engaged to contribute articles prepared especially for the benefit of our readers. In order that this programme of articles may be made as valuable and complete as possible, we will welcome suggestions from our readers concerning topics that they would like to see dealt with, as well as special features that might be added. If you have any sug-

gestions which you think will aid us, let us hear from you.

Transportation Committee Meet

A meeting of the Transportation Committee of The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association was held at the Toronto fair grounds on Tuesday, September 2. The report of G. W. McIntosh, of Forest, who had been appointed by the committee as transportation agent, contains interesting information. The committee had asked the railway board for the privilege of free slatting of cars and a stop-over privilege. The board considered that the stop-over privilege was a special one which they had no power to grant. Shippers will be granted \$3 per car recompense for slatting. Railway companies have raised the minimum car load on refrigerator cars from five to six tons.

An effort will be made to have the awarding of damages on spoiled fruit come under the jurisdiction of the railway board. The question of reciprocal demurrage is another matter that will be pushed. The rates on fruit shipped to the west are far from satisfactory. British Columbia can send apples from Calgary to Winnipeg at lower rates than Ontario apples can be shipped from Winnipeg to Calgary. The whole question of rates will be referred to the Railway Commission.

SOCIETY NOTES

Guelph

"One of the most successful horticultural shows ever held in the county of Wellington," was the unanimous opinion of those who attended the flower, fruit and vegetable show held in the City Hall, Guelph, on August 19th and 20th, under the auspices of the Guelph Horticultural Society and the South Wellington Sweet Pea Society. This was the first attempt for upwards of thirty years to hold a summer show in Guelph, and the results must have been most gratifying to the officers and executive of the societies. Both the halls, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion, were required to hold the many exhibits in classes covering almost every variety of flowers (annual and perennial).

splendid displays of plants including many rare specimens exhibited and loaned by prominent citizens, and the exhibits of fruit and vegetables.

The fine display of plants in pots, the beautiful collection of gladioli, roses, petunias and other flowers, as well as the fine collection of vegetables and fruit by the Ontario Agricultural College, were perhaps the most striking exhibit, while the display from the John Connors Company of Hamilton, of gladioli and perennial phlox, and the exhibits by Messrs. Gilchrist, Dunbar, McPhee, Marriott, and "The Rosery," local florists, were also worthy of special mention.

The competition for the handsome Burpee Cup and the valuable Schofield Cup, the former offered by Messrs. W. A. Burpee & Co., of Philadelphia, and the latter by H. C. Schofield, Esq., M.P.P., both given for the best and most artistic displays of sweet peas, was very keen. The magnificent display of J. A. Hewitt was awarded the former, and the fine exhibit by William McSkimming, the latter.

Amongst the most prominent prize winners were: Samuel Sunley, McLennan & Billings, Miss L. Yeates, T. Holliday, Fred Webb, William Wilson, George Leadlay, Peter Gould, John Malcolm of Fergus, Geo. Ruber, A. Duffield. The silver medal kindly donated by the Toronto Horticultural Society for the best collection of herbaceous perennials, was won by Miss L. Yeates. A unique exhibit was the fine collection of peaches shown by Miss D. C. Kennedy; these were grown in Guelph from a seed planted five years ago.

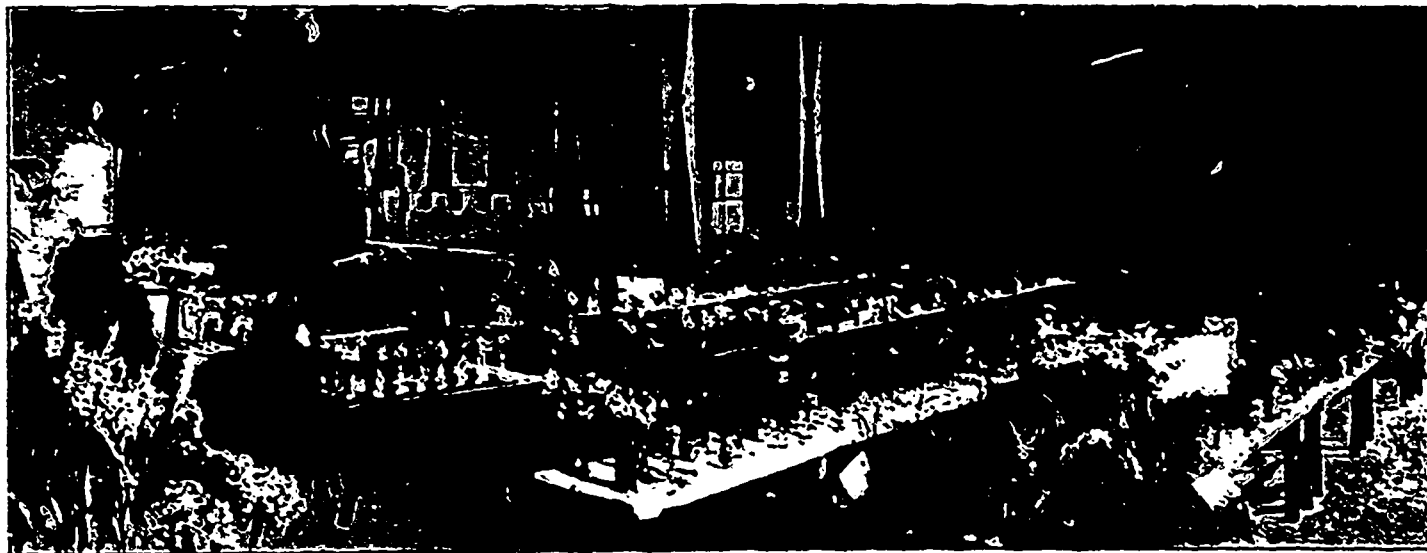
The junior members of the horticultural society and school children also contributed splendidly, covering numerous entries of flowers and vegetables.

Music was supplied continually by Cronk's orchestra, and the show was attended by over two thousand people.

London

During the past season much interest has been taken in the work of the London Horticultural Society. Premiums of bulbs and flowers were offered, which had considerable influence in increasing the membership.

During the latter week of August a successful flower show was held. Flowers of every description were shown in profusion, including some beautiful gladioli, asters, and roses.



A View of Some of the Exhibits at the Recent Exhibition held by the Guelph Horticultural Society.—(See article on this page)