

THE FRUIT AT THE INDUSTRIAL was about equal to its usual standard of excellence. There was to be seen at this fair a large number of exhibits of the very finest fruit which our fair province is able to produce ; and the quality this year in this department was exceedingly good, considering the unfavorable season. The pins for supporting the names of prize cards, which were commended in our September number, were used at our suggestion and gave great satisfaction, both to exhibitors and to visitors. Everyone was able to see at a glance the names of the various fruits, as well as the prizes conferred, which is one of the great objects in making a good exhibit.

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GROWING BLACK CURRANTS would be profitable, providing we could secure varieties that would be more fruitful than those commonly cultivated. On some soils it is a waste of time to grow black currants. They seem to succeed best on rich sandy loam, not too dry, and even then they need the best of cultivation. At the Geneva Experimental Station, the Prince of Wales, a new variety, has been tested and found to be productive and healthy. The horticulturist there, also recommends the Champion Black, Lee's Prolific, and Baldwin's Black. At our own Experimental Farm at Ottawa, a large number of seedling black currants have been raised by Professor Saunders, many of which are exceedingly promising. Among them we may find some even surpassing those named above.

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THE FRUIT EXHIBIT of the Western Fair was a creditable one, but the number of exhibits was not as great as was anticipated. Grapes, apples and pears were especially good, notwithstanding that the season has been unfavorable. Peaches and plums were quite limited. The greater number of prizes were carried away by Hamilton growers, the names of Marshall, Bambfylde, Wilds and Burner appearing frequently.

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A SHORTAGE IN THE ONION CROP for the season of 1892, is reported by *Farm and Home*. The information has been gained by careful inquiries from many correspondents. This is contrary to the estimate made early in the season, based on the amount of seed sold by the seedsmen to growers. The extremely wet season has very much injured the quality of the crop, and, in consequence, first-class stock will be scarce, notwithstanding the extensive sowing.

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WOODALL'S DIAGRAM of the weekly fluctuations of the Liverpool Market in apples, is of interest, because it enables one to see at a glance the various changes which the prices have undergone. Last year Baldwins opened in Liverpool at 19/6 on the 30th of October, was at the lowest on the 20th of November ; rose to 18/6 on the 1st January, 20/6 on the 5th of February, and to 33/ in the week ending 22nd of April. Total number of barrels imported into Great Britain last season was 1,450,000. There were nearly as many imported in 1888-9, the number reaching 1,435,222. The smallest was in 1890-91, when the total was only 451,000 barrels.