

petition by the citizens of Walkerville, Ont., to encourage the horticultural improvement of their homes and gardens. This year over \$200.00 will be offered in prizes. Prizes are given for collections of blooming plants, arranged in beds or borders; for flowering vines, honeysuckle, clematis, etc.; for window, lawn or porch boxes seen from the street; for hedges bordering streets; for hanging baskets and so forth. The prizes are divided, one set being offered to property owners and the other to tenants.

Gardens entered in the competition have to be cultivated and cared for by the competitors, or members of their households. Winners of first prizes for two consecutive years are not eligible to compete in the same class a third year. Competitors are urged to place their flower beds as far as possible where they can be seen from the street, and to arrange them in keeping with the size of their yards. The judges will visit the gardens entered for competition four or five times during the season.

Horticultural Societies holding or planning to hold similar contests will be apt to find helpful suggestions in the prize list and rules as printed and distributed by this company.

Horticultural Society Notes

The members of the Guelph Horticultural Society held a lawn meeting on the grounds of the Agricultural College early in June. Prof. Hutt and Mr. Hunt were in charge and described the shrubs and flowers then in bloom.

The members of the Toronto Horticultural Society held an exhibition recently in the Allan Gardens, which achieved unusual success. Over six hundred vases of flowers were on view. Their beauty was supplemented by an array of ornamental greens

provided by the City Parks' Department, municipal institutions and professional florists. A beautiful specimen of the English hawthorn was greatly admired. Many different varieties of flowers were shown. Their quality was unusually high.

Items of Interest

Early this year Messrs. Parnell and Robt. Thompson, representing the Cold Storage & Forwarding Co., St. Catharines, Ont., visited the western provinces to examine market conditions and prospects. They found opposition to the system followed of auctioning fruit in the western markets, but could see no possibility of a change in the near future. In Calgary and some other western towns, Elberta peaches are unknown by that name and sell as Crawfords giving general satisfaction. In Winnipeg, however, the Elberta is known as a first-class peach.

Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, J. A. Ruddick, is spending a few weeks holidays in Prince Edward Island, this being the first real vacation he has had since entering the government service 20 years ago. Mr. Ruddick's department is arranging for trial shipments of peaches and other fruits to Great Britain this year.

Mr. Robt. Brodie of Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, reports the sale of the old garden belonging to the late John Molson, at the corner of St. Lawrence Main and Sherbrooke streets, Montreal, in which was originated the St. Lawrence apple in 1878. The stump of the old tree was still there recently.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association is preparing a list of wholesale and retail fruit dealers in the prairie provinces and British Columbia, which will be distributed to members.

Don'ts for Campers

1. Don't, when in the woods, throw down a lighted match, cigar stub or other flaming object; make sure that the flame has been thoroughly extinguished before throwing it away.

2. Don't build your campfire larger than is necessary.

3. Don't, under any circumstances, leave your fire unguarded, even for a comparatively short time; see that it is dead out before you go away.

4. Don't build your fire in leaves, rotten wood or other inflammable material.

5. Don't build your fire against a large or hollow log, where it is hard to be sure when it has been entirely put out.

To these "don'ts" it may be added that, in windy weather or in a dangerous place, it is well to confine the fire in a hole dug clean down to the mineral soil. A fire may smoulder in the humus, or "duff," for days, only waiting for a strong breeze to fan it into a flame that may burn over miles of timber.

Summer tourists and campers unfortunately have a bad reputation among owners of timber as being often a cause of fires. Such fires could be prevented, almost without exception, by a little extra care on the part of the campers, who have been the unintentional cause of much forest destruction, and who have just as real an interest in the preservation of the forests as the owners of the timber themselves. The rules given above are the result of long experience and observation on the part of many woodsmen and lumbermen as to the origin of fires from this cause, and are earnestly commended to the attention of campers, sportsmen and others.

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