

W. G. Black was the principal winner although D. C. Chamberlain, G. A. White, Ambrose Duffy, and several others captured numerous awards. An exhibit of Sweet Williams and garden flowers by Mrs. Fenn was an attractive feature.

TORONTO

The early June exhibition of the Toronto Horticultural Society was held in a large tent in the Allan Gardens. The display of flowering shrubs, azaleas, and rhododendrons was especially fine. It showed that these shrubs will stand the winters in Toronto when properly protected. Owing to the earliness of the season the lilacs were not quite equal to those shown last year but some fine specimens were on hand.

A feature of the exhibition was a display of palms and flowering plants by Mr. E. F. Collins, Superintendent of the Allan Gardens and of eremulus by Mr. D. O. Cameron. These were not for competition. After the exhibition the flowers were distributed among the hospitals.

The year book for 1911 has been distributed among the members. It is a remarkably attractive publication and the officers of other societies will do well to write to the Secretary, Mr. O. St. George Freer, 103 Bay St., Toronto, for any extra copies that may be available for distribution. Of course there will not be enough copies for distribution among the general public. The book is printed on high-grade paper and is handsomely illustrated. Among the articles it contains is one entitled "How to Grow Eighty-two Varieties of Vegetables with Success in a lot 27x86 ft. by Geo. Baldwin, that was published in The Canadian Horticulturist; an article by the President W. G. MacKendrick, entitled "Roses for To-

ronto;" one dealing with the cultivation and characteristics of the Dahlia, by Mr. J. MacPherson Ross, a planting table for vegetables by A. B. Cutting and one on Hardy Plants for Permanent Borders by Miss M. E. Blacklock.

SMITH'S FALLS

The Smiths Falls Horticultural Society, with a large increase of membership, has started the season in a vigorous manner. The spring premiums have been distributed, seeds for the school children's floral competition have been given out, the lawn and garden competition committee have completed their arrangements, and further work has been commenced on the park. With generous grants from the government and Municipal Council together with private subscriptions, the society expects to have a record year.

The East Asleep

A. G. Turney, Provincial Horticulturist, St. John, N. B.

New Brunswick's premier apple lands are to be found in the Lower St. John Valley between St. John and Fredericton, and are only from twenty to eighty miles by river transportation from St. John, the national winter port. The valley is one of great scenic beauty and fertility and is a great natural apple belt. To the man who desires to grow apples commercially, I do not know in all Canada of a country where the prospects and markets are better or the environment more ideal.

Were it not a regrettable fact, I should have believed it impossible that British Columbia of late years should have attracted so much capital and so many people from the Old Country fruit lands. Yet, in the face of the great geographical, social and

natural advantages possessed by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario, she has accomplished it. In the east we have a less rugged, a more beautiful country; we are within a week's journey from the best market in the world, and the old home of our immigrants. We do not have to resort to artificial methods such as irrigation and frost fighting appliances, and our apples are better flavored.

There is only one explanation. British Columbia is awake and the east is asleep. The signs of the times are, however, not without hope—the east stirs uneasily in its sleep—presently it will rub its eyes—and then let us hope that it will open one and with just one eye open and its great natural advantages, British Columbia, wide awake as it is, will have to look on.

To my mind British Columbia with its lands already at fancy prices, with its higher cost of production and enormous transportation expense, can never seriously compete with the Maritime Provinces on the European market, if we exert ourselves at all. Now is the time for the Province of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, each keeping to the production of the varieties for which they are best adapted, between them to take a large and commanding place in the supplying of the European apple market from September to May of every year.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to be able to say that companies to develop our fruit lands are already being organized and will soon be in active operation, and I am confidently expectant that the development of fruit growing in the St. John Valley will be the most remarkable feature in the next ten years of Canadian horticulture.

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