

## THE WORLD'S FAIR.



OUR readers will have noticed, in our January number, some reference to the important exhibit of Canadian fruits which is proposed to be made at the great World's Fair of 1893, in the City of Chicago. That both the Provincial and Dominion Governments will heartily endorse the accomplishment of so worthy an object and make liberal grants, such as will be necessary, is quite evident; and it is to the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association that the authorities will look for a collection of Ontario fruit for this exhibition.

The great point of importance before us in Ontario is, to see to it that every fruit grower in the province is prepared to do his part. Nor is it too early to consider this matter, for we must begin with the opening of the present spring to give the most careful cultivation and fertilizing to those trees and plants from which we expect to gather the fruits for such an important exhibit. Then, the fruits on these must be most carefully thinned so as to produce the large size and high color, which should characterize the perfect specimens selected.

There is another reason why it is necessary to consider at once the careful preparations for this great exhibit. The Fair opens in the month of May, before any of our northern fruits have ripened. What can we do at that season with three thousand square feet of space which we have asked for to accommodate the exhibit of fruits from Ontario, unless we have a large collection of our finest fruits, both large and small, put up in glass to help fill it up and attract the attention of visitors until the arrival of the fresh fruit. A collection of this kind was made at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, under the superintendence of the worthy Director of the experimental farms of Canada; and the effect is very marked in the attention which has ever since been given us in the Old World. Mr. Saunders, who will do everything he can to forward the work before us, under the approval of the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion, has already been making extended experiments with regard to the most approved liquids for

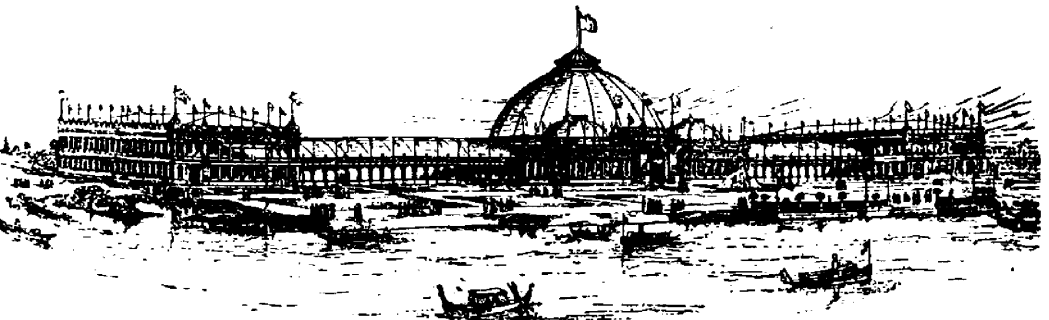


FIG. 5.—HORTICULTURAL BUILDING AT CHICAGO EXPOSITION.