

The Great Flower, Fruit and Honey Show.

Eight years ago, the exhibit of the Ontario Horticultural Society, as far as box-packed apples was concerned, comprised only thirteen boxes, and the exhibit was made in a small skating rink in Toronto. At the 1911 show, which was held during the past week at the commodious St. Lawrence arena, over three thousand boxes of fancy and commercial apples were displayed. This increase is fairly indicative of the general progress which has been made in apple orcharding in general in this Province. Never before has there been so many apples brought together at an Ontario show, and never has there been apples of such high quality exhibited in this Province, and seldom, if ever, in any Province. Apples were not the only fruit represented. Pears and grapes were there, too, along with vegetables, honey and flowers. Apples, however, formed the bulk of the show.

The sight that met one's eye upon entering the large arena was one to be remembered. The entire West side was one mass of apples from the floor to near the roof. These were all box-packed, and placed on a slope from the floor up. At the north end was to be seen one of the finest, if not the finest, commercial exhibits ever put up in Ontario. This was the exhibit of Lambton County, which comprised upwards of four hundred boxes of select fruit. The exhibit was so arranged as to make a colored map of the county. Lake Huron was shown in green apples, mostly Rhode Island Greenings. The county itself was represented by a solid mass of red apples, Spies, Baldwins, King of Tomkins, and others, while the land borders were shown in neatly-wrapped fruit. It was a great exhibit, and the quality of both fruit and pack, as well as design, were matters discussed by all.

Beside the Lambton exhibit was seen the splendid exhibit from Norfolk County. A box of apples from this lot carried off the sweepstakes prize of the show. It was a box of Spies, highly colored, quite ripe, and packed ruff-raff, or a diagonal side-pack. The total exhibit from this county comprised some three hundred boxes, and, in standard commercial varieties, apples from this county took most of the first prizes.

Next to the Norfolk exhibit was situated a small exhibit from Elgin. It consisted of box-packed fruit of high quality. For the first attempt, it was to be commended, and reflected credit on the county and the District Representative who put it up.

Then came the large exhibit from Ontario County, the largest of the show, comprising about six hundred boxes, all of superb quality and in good condition. A collection of twenty boxes of Spies from this exhibit was worthy of special mention, and won first prize. They were uniform, well colored, shapely, and nicely packed.

Passing to the south end of the building, the good quality continued. Here was situated the Wentworth exhibit of about 140 boxes, and right beside it was placed an exhibit which for quality was unexcelled. This was the display from the Georgian Bay District, Simcoe County. These apples were not showing so ripe as many of those from the southern counties, and gave indications of better keeping qualities. Over 150 boxes made up the exhibit, of which the greater proportion were Spies.

Directly in the center of the south end of the arena was seen the most unique display of the show. The Northumberland and Durham fruit-growers had out about 500 boxes, placed facing each other, in the center of which was an ocean liner, all built of apples. It was a beautiful sight, and received much well-merited attention.

In the center of the building were three exhibits, those of Brant County, Dundas County, and New Brunswick. This was the first year for New Brunswick apples to be on exhibition at this great show, and the good quality shown, and the excellent condition of the fruit in the boxes was commented upon by many. It speaks well for the packing that this fruit travelled all the great distance from New Brunswick to Toronto, and was still in good condition.

The Dundas exhibit comprised about sixty boxes of extra choice McIntosh Reds from Department of Agriculture demonstration orchards. They were very high colored, and of excellent quality throughout.

Brant County was another beginner, showing a few barrels, boxes, pyramids and plates which were a credit to the growers, packers and exhibitors.

Prince Edward's exhibit was, unfortunately, wrecked, but even then it was a large display of really good commercial fruit.

Down the center were tables of plate fruit, and decorating the entire building were chrysanthemums and flowers of all kinds.

The honey exhibit was small, Geo. Laing, of Milton, being the largest exhibitor. The Beekeepers' Association purpose making a large display in 1912.

Vegetables of all kinds were to be found upon tables at the east side of the building. The largest exhibitors of these were C. Plunkett, Wood-

bridge; Prown Bros., F. Reeves, J. W. Rush, W. Harris, J. Dandridge, Hunter Bay, and W. G. Watson, Dixie. All the vegetables were of good quality, smooth and medium-sized, and the prizes were well divided.

A very commendable feature was the exhibit of power spraying outfits. A number of different manufacturers had outfits in operation. The manufacturers of farm implements and machinery should be encouraged to exhibit at all shows.

It was the unanimous statement of all officers of the Association and fruit-growers present that this was the greatest show ever held in Ontario, and, although the standard this year was very high, extra effort will be put forth to make each and every coming show better than those which have gone before.

Space does not permit of a full prize list, as many individuals were showing small lots, besides the counties mentioned. The show served to impress upon all those present the great horticultural possibilities of this Province, and the wide area upon which fruit can be successfully grown. It was also a great object lesson, showing clearly the results of careful spraying, thorough cultivation and up-to-date methods of handling both orchards and fruit. Prizewinners in the fruit section follow:

APPLES.

Export varieties—boxes ready for shipment:—Baldwin—1, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros., Simcoe; 2, J. D. Remmer, Pickering; 3, Norfolk F.G.A., Simcoe. Ben Davis—1, J. T. Duke, Ruthven; 2, Sidney Trevaill, Taunton; 3, Wm. Dyer, Columbus. Golden Russet—1, F. M. Lewis, Brant Fruit-growers' Assn., Burford; 2, W. B. Guy, Oshawa; 3, Isaac Higgins, Oshawa. Greening (R.I.)—1, R. T. Michael, Brooklin; 2, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 3, Isaac Higgins. King—1, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 2, Norfolk F.G.A.; 3, M. Crawford, Whitby. Spy—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, P. C. Dempsey, Trenton; 3, F. M. Lewis, Burford. Stark—1, W. H. Stainton, Oshawa; 2, Geo. R. Hare, Grafton. Any Other Variety—1, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 2, Norfolk F.G.A.; 3, Isaac Rush, Norwich.

Export varieties—boxes ready for shipment (fruit unwrapped):—Alexander—1, W. G. Watson, Dixie; 2, P. C. Dempsey. Baldwin—1, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 2, R. Thompson, St. Catharines; 3, W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines. Cranberry—1, Wm. Dyer; 2, P. C. Dempsey. Fameuse—1, W. G. Watson, Dixie; 2, W. H. Dempsey; 3, Geo. Goring, St. Catharines. Golden Russet—1, W. L. Hamilton, Collingwood; 2, R. Stork, Columbus; 3, Isaac Huggins. Greening (R.I.)—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, W. H. Bunting; 3, Isaac Huggins. King—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 3, Wentworth F.G.A., Hamilton. McIntosh—1, W. G. Watson; 2, Jos. Baker, Whitby; 3, W. G. Robertson, Iroquois. Spy—1, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 2, R. Stork; 3, Thos. Stainton.

Export varieties—boxes ready for shipment (fruit wrapped):—Fameuse—1, W. G. Watson; 2, W. H. Bunting; 3, J. B. Guthrey, Dixie. Gravenstein—1, W. H. Stevenson, Oshawa; 2, Elmer Lick, Oshawa; 3, S. Snowden, Bowmanville. King—1, Wentworth F.G.A.; 2, W. H. Bunting; 3, W. G. Watson. McIntosh—1, W. G. Watson; 2, Jos. Baker; 3, The Biggs Fruit & Produce Co., Burlington. Spy—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, W. G. Watson; 3, Wentworth F.G.A. Wealthy—1, W. G. Watson; 2, J. B. Guthrey; 3, W. H. Stevenson.

Domestic varieties—barrels ready for shipment:—Blenheim—1, R. W. Grierson, Oshawa. Gravenstein—1, Elmer Lick. Ontario—1, P. C. Dempsey; 2, John Watson, Seagrave. Tolman—1, W. H. Westney, Pickering; 2, G. B. Mothersill, Oshawa; 3, Wentworth F.G.A. Roxbury Russet—1, Isaac Rush. Any other variety—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 3, B. J. Palmer, New Durham.

Domestic varieties—boxes ready for shipment (fruit unwrapped):—Baxter—1, Isaac Huggins. Blenheim—1, W. G. Watson; 2, F. W. Dawson, Brampton. Gravenstein—1, S. Snowden; 2, Elmer Lick; 3, D. Whyte, Bendale. Ontario—1, W. G. Watson; 2, John Watson; 3, Wm. Dyer. Ribston—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, Geo. Bannister, Collingwood; 3, W. G. Watson. St. Lawrence—1, W. G. Watson; 2, E. Lick. Wolf River—1, Isaac Huggins; 2, C. L. Stephens, Orillia. Any other variety—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 3, Geo. Goring.

Standard winter varieties—5 boxes of each (fruit unwrapped):—Baldwin—1, Wentworth F.G.A.; 2, Norfolk F.G.A. Greening—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, Norfolk F.G.A. Spy—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, W. F. Bradley, Georgetown.

Standard winter varieties—10 boxes of each (wrapped):—Fameuse—1, F. W. Dawson. McIntosh—1, J. G. Michael. Spy—1, W. H. Stainton; 2, Lawson & Fairhead, Blenheim.

Standard winter varieties—20 boxes (unwrapped):—Spy—1, J. D. Remmer, Pickering; 2, Milton Fruit-growers' Association, Milton.

Best box apples on exhibition in any section:—James E. Johnson & Bros.

Dessert varieties—plates of five:—Fameuse—1, W. H. Bunting; 2, Geo. Goring; 3, W. L. Hamilton. Golden Russet—1, W. H. Bunting; 2, J. B. Guthrey; 3, Isaac Huggins. Gravenstein—1, R.

R. Waddle; 2, Wentworth F.G.A.; 3, W. H. Stevenson. King—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, W. G. Watson; 3, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros. McIntosh—1, W. G. Watson; 2, The Biggs Fruit & Produce Co.; 3, W. L. Hamilton. Wealthy—1, John D. McDonald, Cornwall; 2, W. G. Watson; 3, J. B. Guthrey. Spy—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, Norfolk F.G.A.; 3, V. G. Hector, Erindale. Spitzenburg—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, Wentworth F.G.A.; 3, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros. Any other variety—1, W. G. Watson; 2, Lawson & Fairhead; 3, W. G. Watson.

Cooking varieties—plates of five:—Alexander—1, W. G. Watson; 2, John D. McDonald; 3, P. C. Dempsey. Baldwin—1, Wentworth F.G.A.; 2, Cared-for Fruit Co., Toronto; 3, Jos. Picket, Dixie. Blenheim—1, W. G. Watson; 2, J. B. Guthrey; 3, J. G. Brown, Humber Bay. Cayuga—1, R. Thompson; 2, F. M. Lewis, Brant Fruit-growers. Greening (R.I.)—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, F. G. Stewart, Homer; 3, R. Thompson. King—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, Jas. E. Johnson & Bros.; 3, P. A. Fisher, Burlington. Ribston—1, W. G. Watson; 2, W. L. Hamilton; 3, E. W. Moyle, Langstaff. Spy—1, W. L. Hamilton; 2, V. G. Hector; 3, W. G. Watson. Any other variety—1, J. O. Duke; 2, John McDonald; 3, V. G. Hector.

Standard winter varieties—10 plates of 5 specimens each:—Baldwin—1, R. Thompson; 2, Wentworth F.G.A.; 3, W. G. Watson. Greening—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, Geo. Goring; 3, W. H. Bunting. King—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, W. F. Watson; 3, Wentworth F.G.A. Spy—1, W. F. Watson; 2, J. B. Guthrey; 3, V. G. Hector.

Cones of fruit—(cones with a circular base of 17 inches diameter):—Ben Davis—1, Sidney Trevaill; 2, W. L. Hamilton; 3, Wm. Dyer. Baldwin—1, W. G. Watson; 2, P. C. Dempsey; 3, P. A. Fisher. Blenheim—1, W. G. Watson; 2, R. W. Grierson; 3, J. G. Brown. Gravenstein—1, J. B. Guthrey; 2, D. Whyte; 3, E. Lick. Fallawater—1, W. G. Watson; 2, W. H. Stevenson; 3, P. C. Dempsey. Fameuse—1, W. G. Watson; 2, F. M. Lewis, Brant F.G.A.; 3, J. B. Guthrey. King—1, W. G. Watson; 2, F. M. Lewis, Brant F.G.A.; 3, Hugh Pugh, Whitevale. McIntosh—1, W. G. Watson; 2, W. G. Robertson; 3, Jos. Baker. Ontario—1, W. G. Watson; 2, W. H. Westney; 3, Wm. Dyer. Spy—1, W. G. Watson; 2, J. B. Guthrey; 3, Isaac Rush. Wolf River—1, John D. McDonald; 2, D. Whyte; 3, Isaac Huggins.

Pears—plates of five:—Anjou—1, J. B. Guthrey; 2, R. Thompson. Bosc—1, P. A. Fisher. Clairgeau—1, Alex. Glass, St. Catharines; 2, J. B. Guthrey. Duchess—1, C. F. Holcroft, Oakville; 2, F. G. Stewart. Kieffer—1, Geo. Goring; 2, Alex. Glass. Lawrence—1, Alex. Glass. Winter Nelis—1, Alex. Glass; 2, P. A. Fisher. Any other variety—1, W. M. Robson, Lindsay; 2, F. G. Stewart.

Export varieties—boxes ready for shipment (fruit wrapped):—Anjou—1, G. A. Robertson; 2, F. G. Stewart; 3, R. Thompson. Clairgeau—1, J. B. Guthrey. Duchess—1, G. A. Robertson; 2, F. G. Stewart; 3, R. Thompson. Kieffer—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, R. Thompson; 3, W. H. Bunting. Lawrence—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, R. Thompson.

Grapes—3 bunches:—Agawam—1, R. Thompson; 2, F. G. Stewart. Concord—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, R. Thompson. Lindley, 3 bunches—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, R. Thompson. Niagara, 3 bunches—1, Geo. Goring; 2, W. H. Bunting. Vergeres, 3 bunches—1, R. Thompson; 2, W. H. Bunting. Wilder—1, R. Thompson; 2, Geo. Goring.

Any other desirable variety—1, W. H. Bunting; 2, R. Thompson. Black Grapes, 9-lb. basket—1, Geo. Goring; 2, R. Thompson. Red Grapes, 9-lb. basket—1, Geo. Goring; 2, R. Thompson. White Grapes, 9-lb. basket—1, W. H. Bunting; 2, F. G. Stewart. Black Grapes, fancy package—1, R. Thompson; 2, F. G. Stewart. Red Grapes, fancy package—1, F. G. Stewart; 2, R. Thompson. White Grapes, fancy package—1, R. Thompson; 2, F. G. Stewart.

Collections:—Exhibits of fruit in commercial packages (60 sq. ft.):—1, R. Thompson; 2, F. G. Stewart. Display of apples, not in commercial packages (60 sq. ft.):—1, W. G. Watson.

Box or barrel brands—1, W. H. Stevenson; 2, Norfolk F.G.A.; 3, Oshawa F.G.A.

Packing:—Commercial package, unwrapped apples, any variety, 75% to be given for package, grading and packing, and 25% for variety and quality of fruit. All entries must grade No. 1, according to the inspection and sales—1, R. Thompson; 2, Wentworth F.G.A. Commercial package, wrapped apples, any variety; 75% to be given for package, grading and packing, and 25% for variety and quality of fruit. All entries must grade No. 1, according to the inspection and sales act—1, R. Thompson; 2, Wentworth F.G.A.

Specimen apples of standard varieties:—Baldwin—1, Norfolk F.G.A.; 2, R. R. Waddle, Hamilton. Fameuse—1, W. G. Watson, Dixie; 2, R. R. Waddle, Hamilton. Greening (R.I.)—1, F. G. Stewart, Homer; 2, G. A. Robertson, St. Catharines. King—1, P. C. Dempsey, Trenton; 2, Norfolk F.G.A. McIntosh—1, The Biggs Fruit & Produce Co., Burlington; 2, L. A. Pariesien, Summerstown. Spy—1, W. P. Bradley, Georgetown; 2, W. G. Watson. Wolf River—1, D. Whyte, Bendale; 2, John D. McDonald, Cornwall.