



The Floral Hall.

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The internal decorations of the Floral Hall were simple, but very chaste and effective. The ceiling, or rather roof, appeared to be one mass of the delicate foliage of the hemlock, varied occasionally with festoons of silver poplar and the red berries of the mountain ash. The introduction of a fountain in active play during the exhibition, was a pleasing novelty, and greatly contributed to the numerous attractions of the Floral Hall. We are indebted to the *Family Herald* for the subjoined brief sketch of the contents of the Hall. Entering by the western door, on the right hand, the first display consisted of a large assortment of grapes, pears, peaches, plums, a few specimens of winter apples and a variety of green house plants, from Judge Campbell of Niagara. A little farther on were a beautiful specimen of the Alexander apple from Mr. Farrow, of Yorkville, some fine specimens of Hothouse grapes from W. H. Boulton's garden, and some very fine specimens of open air clingstone peaches from J. F. Smith of Yonge Street. The centre tier of the table and two adjoining shelves were covered with greenhouse plants and exotics, sent in by Mr. Fleming, Yonge Street. Mr. G. Leslie, Toronto Nursery, made a very fine display of apples, pears and plums, most of them only as specimens of the kind of trees they are cultivating, and are for disposal in their nursery. They exhibited 70 different varieties of apples, although they did not compete for so many, 30 varieties of different kinds of pears; 12 varieties of plums, one of which got the prize for the best variety. There were some beautiful coxcombs from Mr. Lewis of Yorkville, large and finely formed. Mr. Watson, farmer, Yonge Street, sent in a pretty plant of the Jerusalem cherry. Rev. Mr. Harris, of Yonge Street, exhibited some very good apples and pears, and Mr. Silas Snider, of Yonge Street, had a large collection of apples and pears. In the centre of this table there were some

pretty bouquets by Mr. Fleming, and a collection of annuals in bloom from Judge Campbell of Niagara. Captain Dick had a very fine dish of pears, Flemish Beauty; and Mr. Bannant of Streetsville, exhibited 40 varieties of apples and 20 varieties of pears. The opposite side of the hall was nearly all devoted to foreign fruits and flowers. There were fine verbenas from Professor Croft, and two collections of dahlias, from Mr. Barnes of Niagara Falls, and Mr. Fleming. From the Mount Hope Nursery, Rochester, 40 varieties of verbenas, 32 varieties of Roses and bouquets of flowers, 26 varieties of pears, 22 varieties of apples, and a large specimen of onions and tomatoes; from Ryan's Plank Road Nurseries, Rochester, 75 varieties of dahlias, 31 varieties of apples, 21 varieties of pears and 6 specimens of quince, from Donnellan's Nursery, Rochester, 16 varieties of pears, 37 varieties of apples; large specimens of musk and water-melons, and a fine display of dahlias, verbenas, and chrysanthemums.

In the Horticultural tent there were some specimens of the tobacco plant from St. Catharines, some large plants of the Palma Christi or Castor Oil plant, and an excellent assortment of Cabbages and pot herbs from various Toronto gardeners. At the end of the centre table were four Cauliflowers from Wade & Jeckell, Port Hope, of a very large size and finely formed. Some specimens of the Martynia, from Mr. Fleming and Prof. Croft. There was a large display of Onions, some very extraordinary specimens from Baron de Longueuil of Kingston. Mr. Leonard Pears, of Yorkville, had some very fine Chicory in the root, and several specimens of manufactured Chicory from roots raised by him this season. The Baron Longueuil displayed also some large purple egg plants and table carrots. There were fine beets from