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No pupil may receive more than two prizes, but a prize winner may also win a medal.

The gardens of all competitors will be first examined by the teachers of the school in each ward. A committee of the teachers should reduce the gardens to the best ten belonging to Fcurth Book pupils and the best ten belonging to Third Book pupils. Committees of the Horticultural Society will be appointed to visit these ten and award the prizes to the best.

The Horticultural Society has arranged with the Davies Manufacturing Company to have fertilizers delivered at the schools

for one cent per package.

## Suggestions for Lawn Competitions

R. W. Brooks, secretary Brantford Horticultural Society, sends the following suggestions to members to aid them in preparing for lawn competitions:

In marking, the whole place is considered; the lawn and the garden is marked on five points—

- 1. General effect or lay out, or ground plan of the place, 30 points.
- 2. Neatness and order in keeping lawns, walks and boulevards, 20 points. Keep your lawn thoroughly weeded, and edges neatly trimmed; mow as often as the mower will cut it.
- 3. Care and taste shown in selection of flowers, plants and shrubs, etc., 20 points. In laying out yeur plantings as a rule avoid straight lines and sharp angles.
- 4. Floral display, 20 points. Plant all flowers you wish, but plant shrubs at their back to give a more pleasing effect while the annuals are out of season, as well as when they are in bloom.
- 5. Difficulties overcome, 10 pcints. Some allowance is made in new lawns or old fences covered with wires, or any drawback the competitor may have. Try to plant so as to make the whole place one single picture of a home, with the house its chief feature, and the outside boundary line its frame.

Major H. J. Snelgreve, a representative of the Ontario Horticultural Association on the Board of the Canadian National Exhibition, put up a stiff fight for giving "a square deal" to amateur floriculturists, and succeeded in inducing the Agricultural and Herticultural committee to revise the prize list so as to increase the prize money for certain classes and bring others within the scope of amateur growers. Professional florists will not have it all their own way this year, as formerly. The prize list will be issued in April. Mr. R. B. Whyte, cf Ottawa was selected as judge in the floricultural department.

The growers and packers of oranges, lemons, pine apples, and box apples are endeavoring to put up each year a more attractive and superior article. An attractive substitute is taken in preference to a scabby, ill appearing apple, and we must at least keep posted or the King of Fruits in the East will be compelled to take a tion and declining pepularity.—Jas. E. tion and declining popularty.—Jas. E. Johnston, Simcoe, Ont.

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