

The Canadian Horticulturist improves continually, the last number being the best.—(O. F. Wilkins, Bridgeburg, Ont.

The Canadian Horticulturist has greatly improved lately.—(A. W. Walker, Clarksburg, Ont.

I took The Horticulturist for 15 or 20 years, but have not taken it lately. Shall renew again soon as the paper commences to talk about fruit as well as flowers.—(Stanley Spillett, Simcoe Co., Ont.

The June number of The Canadian Horticulturist was head and shoulders above any of its predecessors, it being practical in every respect, and I wish the magazine con-

tinued success along this line.—(J. D. Fraser, Leamington, Ont.

I consider the May issue of The Horticulturist a decided improvement on the earlier issues, as it deals more fully with horticultural and floral matters. The earlier volumes were principally devoted to fruit growing.—(R. W. Lloyd, Sec'y Deseronto Hort'l Society.

We have been constant readers of The Horticulturist for several years, and are much pleased with its recent development, as it is in keeping with the growth of the horticultural interests of the country of which it is a fitting representative.—(Biggs & Son, Burlington, Ont.

## OUR FRUIT EXHIBITS AT ST. LOUIS

T. H. RACE, OF THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER'S STAFF.

CANADA continues to attract her full share of attention at the World's Fair, and the compliments she is receiving from the discriminating fair visitors are oftentimes as amusing as they are gratifying.

We would be ungrateful creatures indeed if we did not appreciate the great favor of being able to grow a few fruits in our great northern snow-bound country. For this reason the average American does not think it anything but natural that we should feel a little pride in our fruit, and he is generous enough to admit that we really have something to feel proud of. But it hurts him, just a little bit, to have to admit that Canada comes next to the great state of California in the extent and quality of her fruit display.

Oranges are lovely things to look at and luscious things to eat, but when it comes to real value as a household commodity there is nothing that will stand comparison with the Canadian apple. And Canada still ranks first in the great palace of horticulture at the World's fair of 1904 in the quality

and variety of her apples. We have yet to meet the Canadian down here who is not proud of his country in comparison, even with California. We have yet to meet the American who is not either mildly or extravagantly surprised at it.

Since my last letter to The Horticulturist we have had a banquet in the palace of horticulture, to which many press representatives and various notables, more or less distinguished, were invited. Representing Canada, I contributed my share to the necessary expenditure, and naturally expected that the invited guests and other visitors would be taken round by the committee in charge to see the exhibits. But nothing of the kind. The occasion turned out a pure contest of oratory, and what the English would call state brag—each state against all the rest. When Canada was called upon I indulged in no blowing. I felt strong in my position that the occasion required none. I merely pointed over to the foreign quarter, close by, and assured the assemblage that there was a collection of fruit over there