

In the class for cooking varieties, Mann, Fallawater and Baxter were given preference over Fall Pippin, Ontario and Bellefleur. In class III, dessert apples, Baxter received a prize as "any other desirable variety," and in class IV, cooking apples, the same variety was given a place as "any desirable seedling." These are a few of the many inexcusable mistakes that occurred. It is evident that the judge, who is not an apple man, did not know his business. He should not have been given the responsibility of deciding on fruit that he doesn't know much about, and he should not have accepted it.

The class devoted to pyramids of fruit brought out many entries. The display was good. The fruit was high-class, although a few defective specimens were noticed that should have been left at home. Showing apples in pyramids is a good feature. It is the most attractive form of table decoration. Peaches, pears and grapes on plates added much to the fruit section of the show. Fine specimens of each class were shown.

#### CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM

As usual, the C.E.F. had an exhibit that was a credit. It showed the character and progress of the work being done by Mr. W. T. Macoun, the horticulturist. When the C.E.F. first showed fruit, the apples were nearly all fall varieties. Since then the proportion of winter varieties has increased each year. Out of 57 varieties on exhibition this year, 23 were late keepers. This is evidence that the work is progressing in the right direction.

Among the leading varieties exhibited and recommended for planting in northern sections were: Milwaukee, early bearer, productive, hardy tree, very acid in flavor—now being crossed with McIntosh to improve flavor; Baxter, good, early to midwinter; Forest, good quality, late keeper, hardy—also being crossed with McIntosh; Winter Rose, mild flavor, hardy; Scott's Winter, good but small; and Stone, large, hardy, originated in Vt.

The display of grapes was grand. One wonders that such delicious flavored, well-bunched grapes can be grown out of the grape belt. Every variety grown in the Niagara district was in the C.E.F. collection. All were well ripened. Besides these, a number of other varieties were shown. Mr. Macoun is working on the production of early ripening varieties for planting in semi-northern districts, where now grape growing is not a good commercial proposition. Among the best varieties for the home garden in those districts are, in red, Moyer, Brighton, Lindley and Delaware; in black, Moore's Early, Campbell's Early, Worden and Wilder; in white, Moore's Diamond.

#### EXPERIMENT STATIONS' EXHIBIT

The Ont. Exp. Sta. had a nice exhibit, but not up to the standard of some others in past years. It was in charge of L. Woolverton, Grimsby. Eight stations sent contributions. The arrangement was good, the main feature being central pyramids of the best varieties for growing in the various districts. Mr. Woolverton showed the "Princess Louise" apple that was originated on his own farm. It is a New Year dessert variety, valuable for the home garden, but not productive enough for market. For the first time an exhibit of vegetables grown at an experiment station was shown. Work in this line has been commenced at Leamington and is in charge of E. E. Adams. The exhibit was a creditable one, containing 30 varieties, all good stuff, including sweet potatoes.

The exhibit from Algoma, the station farthest north, contained 17 varieties. Those best suited to the section are Wolf River, Colvert, Winter Arabka and Longfield. The St. Lawrence Sta. sent 23 varieties, including Scarlet Pippin, Snow and Baxter. Milwaukee, also, was shown, and is recommended by the station this year for the first time. In the Lake Huron sta. exhibit there were 24 varieties, including Wealthy, Bottle Greening and W. Arabka. As would be expected, the Bay of Quinte sta. sent an excellent

exhibit, comprising 25 varieties. Fine specimens of the leading varieties were shown.

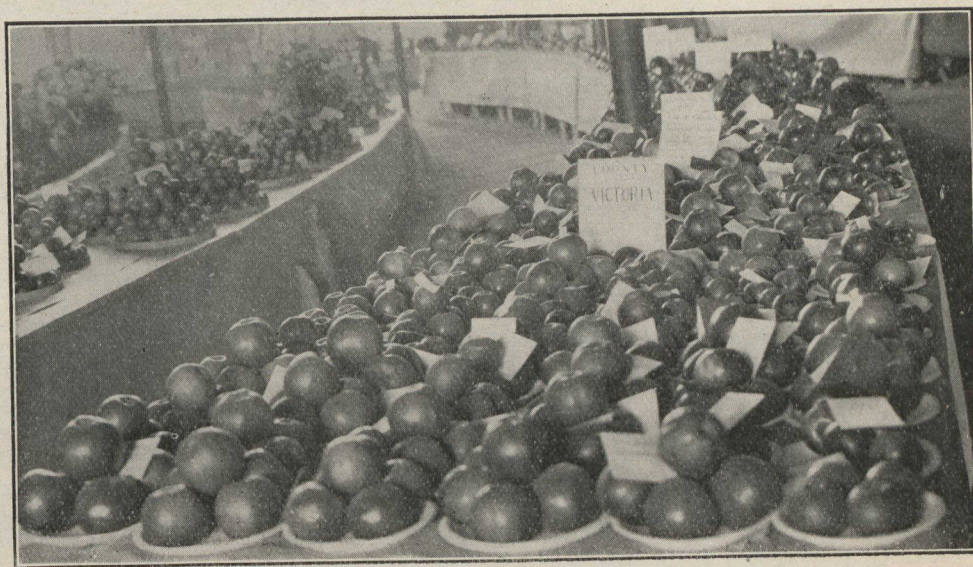
The most attractive exhibit came from the Burlington sta. It included 50 varieties, among them a number of southern kinds seldom heard of here. Repeated tests with such varieties show that they do not succeed well in our climate. We require apples that have originated in Canada or on similar latitudes, such as Minnesota. The Burlington exhibit included 38 varieties of fruit in bottles, put up in antiseptic solutions. A showy exhibit was shown by the station in Simcoe Co. It contained 40 varieties, among them the immense Wolf River apple that attracted more attention than any other apple at the exhibition. A new apple from Wisconsin called "Peerless," a seedling of the Duchess, was shown; it promises to be worthy of further trial in this province.

#### O. A. C. EXHIBIT

The O. A. C. biol'l dept. put up an exhibit of educational value. Many of the insect and fungous pests that trouble the fruit and vegetable grower were shown either mounted or in antiseptic solutions. A good display of material

prize list called for only 25 varieties in each collection, there were shown, in some, about 50 varieties. Had the prize list called for 25 classes rather than varieties, the requirement would have been more comprehensive. One of the best collections was that of Mr. Thos. Delworth, Weston, Ontario. It was the most artistically arranged, but, as celery was lacking, it did not receive the consideration that it otherwise would. The first prize collection, put up by W. Harris, Humber Bay, was a credit to the grower.

In the other classes, competition was close. White artichokes were extra fine. Beets, both long and globe, were good. The Brussels sprouts were the finest ever shown in the province. The public should know and use this delicious vegetable more than now. Cabbages were excellent, but one or two entries crept into the flat class that did not belong there. In the cauliflower classes there were 26 entries, any one of which was a credit to the producer. Some excellent celery was shown, but in the red class, pink varieties were given preference over the red. The carrots were good and clean. Egg plants were good for the season. The endive



The County Exhibits Were a Feature of the Fruit Department

So numerous were the entries that it was impossible to display them to best advantage. There was not enough room to avoid crowding

used in the teaching of nature study, as well as some work of pupils, was on exhibition.

The hort'l dept. had an exhibit of fruits and vegetables. There were 78 varieties of apples, among them 7 varieties that have been held in cold storage since the season of 1905. Those that came through best were Stark, Lawver, Salome, Ben Davis and Gano; the others were Blenheim and Ribston. A new apple was shown called "Champion." It was originated by the Stark Nursery Co., of Mo. It is a late winter variety of medium size, fair color—a little better in most points than Stark.

Among the vegetables were 43 varieties of beets, including the standards, Eclipse and Meteor. There were 23 varieties of carrots, including nice specimens of Shantenay, Rubicon and Scarlet Nantes in intermediates, and English Horn in short. Among the onions was a new one that is large, productive and even in size; it is one of Sutton's and is called "Ailsa Craig." Some nice winter radishes were in the collection, including some white varieties that are milder in flavor than the other types; a good one is Osaki

#### VEGETABLES

The vegetable exhibit was larger in number of entries and superior in quality to that of last year. The display of cauliflower was grand. The various collections were good. While the

specimens were all right in size, but they should have been more bleached.

There were shown some extra large specimens of khol-rabi; in fact, size was produced at the expense of quality. The leeks were extra fine. Lettuce was good, but there was not enough competition. The onion exhibit was a superior one; those in ropes attracted much attention. Some nice parsnips were shown; one of the finest in size and smoothness did not win a prize on account of the crown being too coarse and large in proportion to the rest of the specimen. Peppers were good. There were some nice winter radish, but the competition was small. The same may be said of turnip radishes. The salsify exhibits were good, also the squash and citron.

There was not a large competition in the potato classes, but the entries shown were clean, smooth and creditable. The collections of vegetables grown in York County comprised specimens that could not be beaten anywhere.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The exhibit of honey and apiary supplies was good in quality and fairly well arranged. It could be improved by the adoption of brighter and more attractive labels on the bottles and jars.

The Biggs Fruit and Produce Co., Burlington, were on hand with a display of choice, wrapped