

living in York County, Ontario, has adopted a new method of grafting, "which," he says, "is going to be very valuable, as he can bring in a new variety, by thus crossing, in one or two seasons, that by the system of seedlings or pollen crossing might take several years to prove. His method is a secret known only to himself, but his results have proved it very valuable." In the remaining sections of the Vegetable Department the various articles exhibited were passable, save in section 42,—“basket of vegetables, one of a kind.” Here there was much room for improvement, and our Directors would suggest that in the future preparation of the prize list the exhibitor be not limited, in this section, to one specimen of each variety, that he may put in as many specimens and as many varieties as he may deem fit, and that the judges should, whilst giving all due credit to the qualities of the vegetables, not overlook their arrangement in the baskets. As this closes all we have to say regarding this Department, we will briefly notice the

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The plants were well arranged on tiers of benches extending the entire length of the Hall on each side, thus affording the crowds of spectators every facility for examining the exhibits in the different sections, whilst tables extending across the south end were occupied by floral designs, bouquets and cut bloom, all the central portion having been devoted to the Fruits. As ladies are mainly the exhibitors in the Department of Floriculture, we must be cautious and sparing in our criticism. Although the floral designs of this year were, with a single exception, much superior to those on our tables in 1881, yet there is a great lack and much room for advancement in this direction. Our ladies have got the flowers, they have got great good taste, and by skilful manipulation, we have no doubt but that the Fall show of 1883 will afford striking and beautiful examples of their handiwork. This Department of Pot Plants and Flowers embraced 32 sections, and although some were entirely unrepresented, yet we had 105 entries against 75 in 1881. Our Association has developed wonderfully a taste for and an appreciation of flowers, the Heaven-sent