

Agriculture, &c.,

HORTICULTURE IN SCOTLAND.

Mr. James Hutton, Jun., son of Mr. Hutton, the manager of the Halifax Horticultural Society's gardens, now in Scotland for the purpose of studying his profession writes to the Journal of Agriculture, an interesting description of the "Glasgow and West of Scotland Horticultural Show," as follows:—

The scenery on entering the room was both pleasing and effective, the plants arranged, and last, though not least, the room (which was four times the size of Temperance Hall.) was well filled with the beauty and fashion of the west. The first table on the right, and running the whole length of the room, was filled with tri-color, bronze, gold and silver-leaved geraniums. Truly, a great advance has been made in the cultivation of this favorite plant since flower of the day was sent out some eighteen years ago. The table on the left, at the other side of the room, was filled thus,—at the back with large and well bloomed plants, of petunias trained on circular frames—next, stove plants, orchids green house plants, &c.—and in front, with cut bloom in the shape of dahlias, hollyhocks, which were very good notwithstanding the dry weather. In the centre of the room, and at right angles with the side tables, were six tables, the first of which was filled with floral designs and devices; the one that took first prize was a model of a viaduct, over 7000 everlasting flowers were consumed in its construction—it was a fine specimen of modelling and decoration. The remaining five tables were filled with stove and green-house plants, among which there were fine examples of horticultural skill. In the Gallery was a table filled with cut flowers, most of which were made into bouquets, very neatly arranged,—but the most of the hand bouquets were far too large, how any lady could manage to engineer one through a bull room puzzled me. In an adjoining room a good display of fruit was made, the prizes offered for grapes being well and closely contested. As for apples and pears, I did not see anything to come up to that produced by the Nova Scotian fruit-growers, in fact at all the shows I have seen this season, the apples exhibited were very inferior. And as an International Fruit Show is announced to be held at Edinburgh next year, when prizes will be offered to the extent of £600 stg., I hope your fruitgrowers will send something that will be a credit to Nova Scotia. The only thing I fear it will be held rather early in the season, but I will only be too glad to give any further information if required. In the room along with the fruit was a large lot of cut flowers, such as asters, stocks, verbenas, roses, &c., and the competition in the various classes was very sharp. The show of vegetables was very fine, the leeks being something more than extra.

A band of music added to the attractions of the show, and as the day was fine the show was well patronized, and must have been a complete success both in a horticultural and financial point of view. I hope and trust the day is not far distant when Nova Scotia will be able to boast of at least one horticultural show in the season that would be a credit to the province and remunerative to those who take it in hand. And there can be no doubt such shows can be made to pay under proper management; only enlist the aid and sympathies of the public, and the show will become a fixed fact.

HOW TO DRAW BLOOD.—The operation of bleeding is generally performed in the neck, above the windpipe; either fleam or lancet may be used. Sheep are bled by opening with a lancet the vein in the inner canthus of the eye, about two inches from the corner of the orbit. The vein inside the knee, or inside the thigh, may be punctured instead. Pigs may be held in the two last-named places, or by puncturing the roof of the mouth a short distance behind the corner teeth. The pulse may be felt in the horse at the edge of the lower jaw, where the submaxillary artery crosses the bone—in the ox, by placing the finger between the dew-claws of the forelegs—in the sheep, pigs, and small animals of any kind, by placing the hand firmly over the region of the heart, immediately behind the elbow on the left side.—Ag. Gazette.

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