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#### COMING SHOWS.

**Canterbury Horticultural Society.**  
— Carnation and Sweet Pea Exhibition, January, 1912. Miss E. Sneyd Smith, Secretary.

**Timaru Horticultural Society.**— Autumn Show, Olympia Hall, February 15 and 16, 1912. Jas. K. Macdonald, Hon. Sec.

**Hamilton Horticultural Society.**— Autumn Show, April 1912. E. B. Davy, Hon. Sec.

#### THE FLOWER CARNIVAL.

##### GREAT DISPLAY OF CARNATIONS.

##### PAGEANT OF SWEET PEAS.

After having had to postpone the event for a week owing to the weather, the Auckland Horticultural Society carried the Flower Carnival to a successful conclusion, the display being one of the

best made at this time of the year. The fact that the exhibition was put off for a week was really a point in favour of growers of carnations, the showing of these popular blooms being the finest we have seen in Auckland—probably in the Dominion. Mr. H. Brett, of Takapuna, and Mr. H. A. Fox had specially good stands, some of the specimens measuring from three and a half inches to four and a-half inches in diameter.

In addition to 150 blooms, shown as they are grown with foliage, Mr. Brett staged 48 dressed carnation blooms, which included beautiful specimens of the following varieties:

Hilalga, Mrs. Walter Heriot, Madame Wielert, Takapuna, Delight, Lady Ward, Queen of Carnations, Brigadier, Guardsman, Pasquin, Ivo Sidright, Mrs. Robert Gordon, Richness, Ellen Douglas, Dalkeith, Mrs. Rhodes, Grande, Ann Hathaway, Lord Steyne, Elizabeth Shifner, Thais, Mrs. J. D. Davis, Mahutu, Voltaire, Robert Bruce, Carnival, Seedling, W. H. Johnston, Mrs. Falkland, Normansell, Cardinal, King Solomon, Mrs. Marshall, Sam Weller, Flora McDonald, Rony Buchanan, Eros, Amy, Togo.

A fine collection of carnation blooms was brought up from Wellington by Mr. H. A. Fox. These were for exhibition only and stood the train journey remarkably well. Most of the blooms were

single specimens displayed on collars. Altogether there were 30 blooms so displayed amongst the most noticeable varieties being Mrs. E. Martin Smith, Rhea, Sam Weller, Robert Morton, Linkman, Lady Beatrice, Gordon Lewis, Sir Nigel, Mr. E. F. Henwood, Mrs. Tom Lord, Lady Teazle, Henry Brett (a seedling raised in the south), John Burns, Caesar and Pompey, Aotea, and Mrs. Fred. Gale. The last-named is a very distinct specimen with beautiful light rose pencillings at the edge of the petal.

Both Mr. Brett and Mr. Fox were awarded first-class certificates for general excellence.

#### NURSERYMEN'S SECTION.

In the nurserymen's section for exhibition only special first class certificates of merit were awarded to Messrs. D. Hay and Son, A. Yates and Co., W. E. Lippiatt, and Gilbert J. Mackay.

Messrs. D. Hay and Son's exhibit comprised a very fine display of roses, altogether about 200 vases on the tables. A special feature of this exhibit was the splendid collection of nephrolepis ferns, a new and very beautiful variety. Those on exhibition were imported by Mr. Hay from Australia. Among the roses there were specimens of Dea Hole, Caroline Testout, and Mildred Grant. Special

notice was taken of the bloom of the new rose Juliet, which is of a salmon colour with old gold reverse. On the table was also a very good collection of mixed flowers, including gladiolus, delphiniums, and amaryllis.

Messrs. A. Yates and Co. had a fine table of mixed pot-plants and cut flowers. Some very good sweet peas were shown in a full collection comprising some 60 or 70 varieties. A notable point of attraction about this stand was the admirable display of asparagus ferns.

Mr. Gilbert J. Mackay's table contained an excellent show of carnations, rhododendrons and sweet peas. The display included a large variety of cut flowers, pot plants, and foliage plants, also some fine nephrolepis ferns. A very special feature was made of some beautiful shower bouquets which alone made a visit to this table worth while.

Mr. W. E. Lippiatt had perhaps the outstanding attraction of the show in his really magnificent display of roses. They were certainly the best roses in the show. Among the blooms on exhibition might be seen fine specimens of Hugh Dickson, Frau Karl Druschki, and Dean Hole. A lovely flower was "W. E. Lippiatt." There was also a good specimen of Juliet and some very fine blooms of Mr. W. J. Grant.



SIX OF THE BEST BLOOMS EXHIBITED BY MR. H. A. FOX, OF WELLINGTON, IN A STAND OF 30 DRESSED CARNATIONS AT THE AUCKLAND SHOW.