

Clipping Hedges.

Hedges should be clipped. Young hedges, especially acallonia, require frequent attention and pinching or cutting to ensure a dense compact hedge from the beginning.

Breaking up the Ground.

Dig over, or, better still, fork over, all vacant ground. This should be done quite roughly to allow the sun's rays to penetrate the soil. Rain will later soften all lumps, which will then break down in fine order.

Planting Vegetables.

Plant out whenever the weather is showery, broccoli, Brussels Sprout, and Savoy.

Peas and Beans.

Peas and kidney beans can still be sown, and also sowings of carrots, lettuce, turnips, radish, etc.

Cabbage.

A small sowing of cabbage seed should be made, and where quality is of first importance Nonpariel is one of the best. Edfield Market is of larger size, and is also suitable.

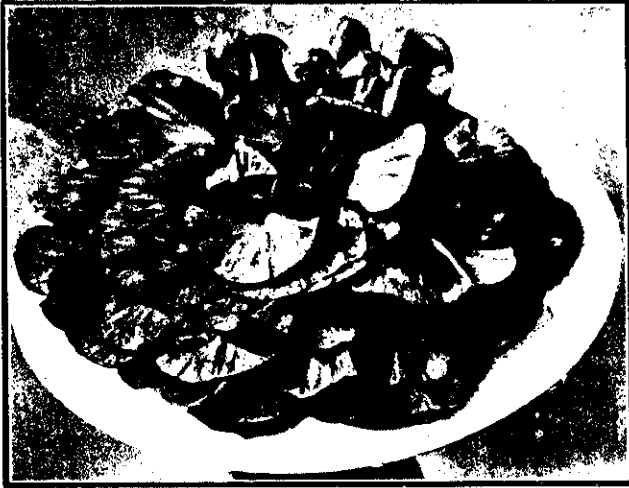
Tomatoes and Melons.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, etc, require pinching and regulating, and tomatoes should be sprayed with Bordeaux.



CARNATION, MRS. ROBERT BERKELEY.

Apple blossom pluk; an exceptionally large specimen, grown by Mr H. A. Fox, of Wellington.



SKIRMISHER A VERY FINE FANCY, 5 1/2 INCHES ACROSS.

Cauliflowers.

Veitch's Autumn Giant Cauliflower does better in the warmer districts than broccoli, and does not occupy the land so long.

Celery.

The main crop of celery should be got in without delay. Give plenty of water when transferring the plants, in order to check the growth as little as possible.

WELLINGTON ROSE AND CARNATION CLUB'S SHOW.

A FINE DISPLAY.

The Carnation and Sweet Pea Show, held in the Town Hall, Wellington, on the 8th inst., was in several respects, ahead of its predecessors.

Favoured with fine weather, the attendance at the opening ceremony was fully 1000. His Excellency, Lady Liver-

pool, in declaring the show open, congratulated Wellington on what it had been able to accomplish, seeing the small amount of room available for gardening pursuits.

At all shows of the club, it is usual to award the prizes for decorated tables, by public ballot. It was an inspiration which caused Miss Joseph to send along an additional special prize of £2 2/, to be awarded to the best table. Such award to be made by Miss Murray, a professional florist, and to be kept secret until the declaration of the ballot at 9.30 p.m.

A vigorous policy of circularising members and likely exhibitors, resulted in an entry of 33 tables, 31 of which were duly staged. The designs were many and varied, including a large number that were really artistic, thus making the selection difficult, but finally it was found that Mrs. Hume's table had received both the coveted honours.

The season in Wellington has been a bad one for sweet peas, and as the show was late, the entries were small, and the quality was not up to the usual standard. Mr. G. C. Holder won the

principal prizes and secured first leg in for Mrs. Joseph's £10 10/ trophy, Mr. I. I. Kouslake annexing the Stewart Timber Trophy for 6 vases.

Carnations made an excellent display, some truly splendid blooms being staged. Although about one week late to secure the finest of this season's blooms, still those shown were easily the best in quality of any Wellington Show.

Messrs. Stanley, Lord, and H. A. Fox were the principal prizetakers in the section, many of their blooms measuring 3 1/2 and even up to 4 inches across. In colour, form, and type, they were really good, and comprised selfs, fancies, and plectees. Although not such large exhibitors, Miss Joseph and Mrs. H. M. Gore were also successful, and staged some very fine selfs and fancies. In fact, the public were highly pleased with the advance shown in this section. Mr. H. A. Fox won "champion bloom" with the variety "Mrs. J. L. Gibson," Mr. Lord's "Linkman" being a close runner-up.

Mr. C. Trevelthick was awarded a gold medal for a display of sweet peas 30ft in length and arranged 3 ft high.



WELLINGTON ROSE AND CARNATION CLUB'S SHOW—SOME OF THE JUDGES AT WORK.