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(As acknowledged at the end, the following report is taken from the *Belfast News Letter*.)

Belfast Horticultural Society, Sept. 2 [1830]. Some splendid georginas [dahlias] were exhibited, and excited general admiration. Indeed, we never saw so many good flowers brought together. Considering the season, we did not expect good fruit; in this we were very agreeably disappointed. Some good pines, melons, grapes, &c., were exhibited and much admired. Among the plants we particularly noticed a very fine *Fuchsia gracilis*, sent by Mrs. Batt, Purdy's Burn, and a splendid *Yucca gloriosa*, in flower, from Mr. Lindsay's nursery. The judges of flowers were, the Marchioness of Donegall, Mrs. May, and Mrs. Rowan, Merville. The judges of fruit, vegetables, &c., were, the Marquess of Donegall, John Agnew, Esq., William Sinclair, Mr. Farrell, and Mr. Scott.

Pines: 1. Mr. Milliken, Belvoir; 2. Mr. Walker, Purdy's Burn.

Melons: 1. Mr. Dickson, Rosemount; 2. Mr. McDonald, Hollywood [sic] House.

Purple Grapes: 1. Mr. Walker; 2. Mr. Stewart, Mountstewart.

White Grapes: 1. Mr. Walker; 2. Mr. Stewart.

Peaches: 1. Mr. Cummins, Hillsborough; 2. Mr. Cummins.

Nectarines: 1. Mr. Stewart; 2. Mr. Cummins.

Apricots, Mr. Anderson, Lurgan House.

Plums, purple, Mr. Downie, Fisherwick Lodge; green, Mr. Walker.

Pears, Mr. Cummins. Apples, Mr. Cummins.

Gooseberries, red, Mr. Anderson; green, Mr. Scott, Ormeau.

Currants, white, Mr. Cummins; red, Mr. Scott.

Celery, Mr. Anderson.

Beet, Mr. Johnston, Springfield.

Onions, Mr. Dickson.

Cauliflower, Mr. Anderson.

Best Georgina, Mr. Scott.

Best 3 Georginas, John Montgomery, Esq.

Best 6 Georginas, Mr. Anderson, Lurgan.

Best bouquet of Georginas, Mr. McCullough, Comber.

Six single Georginas, Mr. A. Dixon.

Best bouquet of Roses, Mr. Walker.

Several gentlemen are on the list for admission: among these we noticed the member for Armagh, Charles Brownlow, Esq., who, the instant he heard of such a society being established, requested to be admitted a member. To the committee we beg to throw out a hint. One of the most useful objects such a society should have in view is tree-planting; and we would particularly impress the necessity of giving a medal or premium to the member who shall have planted the greatest number of trees within a given time. To landed proprietors, numberless spots on estates, which it is impossible to crop or cultivate, would, if carefully planted, produce in a few years valuable timber; add to this, the improved appearance the face of the country would exhibit. (*Belfast News-Letter*, Sept. 7.)
