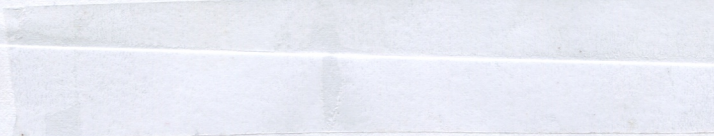


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Ballarat Begonias

For many years the Botanic Gardens at Ballarat have been famed for their begonias, and to the flower lover the process of the evolution of the type has been fascinating, from the small and insignificant flower of 30 years ago to the truly magnificent and



noble specimen to be seen today. Just now and for the next few weeks the glasshouses will contain a display far ahead of anything in the commonwealth. Indeed it would not be saying too much that they are not excelled in any part of the world. Some 350 named varieties are grown. Types of flowers vary considerably in form from the massive decorative flower of 8 inches seen in the *Rev. Foster Lepine* to the most perfectly formed rose type seen in *Rose Superbe*. One lofty glasshouse 70foot by 20foot is entirely filled with named varieties.

Article in response to Col. Morton correspondence with T. Geo. Ellery, Town Clerk, City of Melbourne 'visit Ballarat during the Easter Hols'.