

gross value of the goods at wholesale in Manitoba.

2nd. A more satisfactory classification of mixed fruits in one-half carloads and carloads for all points in Ontario and Quebec, of sufficient size to absorb large quantities regularly.

3rd. A considerable reduction in the inter-provincial rate in apples in barrels.

4th. A more efficient and prompt transportation of fruits by special freight service when quantities are sufficient, and better connections with local way freight trains when quantities are smaller.

As the fruit industry grows and extends there is no doubt but that the R.R. people will see the advantage of catering more fully to the trade.

Yours respectfully, W. H. BUNTING,  
Chairman of Committee.  
St. Catharines, February 28th, 1901.

### Appreciation

SIR.—Please accept thanks for the beautiful annual report of the Fruit Growers' Association for 1899. Have received one of the reports every year since 1891, nine copies in all. They are well bound, and are quite an addition to my library shelves.

I prize them for the valuable information which they give on fruit growing as well as general information on all kinds of Horticulture. Have grown small fruit six years in Sinaluta with success, in fact supplied my table all the year round out of a plot of ground fifty feet by forty.

So far mine is the only fruit garden in the village. Am trying to persuade others to beautify their homes in the same way.

Again thanking you for the report.  
I remain your's truly  
Sinaluta, Assa., N. W. T. J. W. MOODY.

## Our Affiliated Societies.

TORONTO JUNCTION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Junction Horticultural Society was held in the council chamber, Toronto Junction, on the evening of February 28th, at 8 o'clock, Hon. President A. Gilchrist presiding. According to notice by the society's private post card mailed to every member, President Colbeck delivered an address on the subject "Southern California—a Horticulturist's Paradise." There was a fair attendance of members who listened with the keenest appreciation to the president's interesting account of the wonderful development which, aided by favorable climatic conditions, had taken place in several sections in Southern California, especially in Riverside and Pasadena.

The lecturer urged that while results equal to those achieved in the towns named might not be achieved in Toronto Junction, a good deal might be done towards that end by a determined effort on the part of members of the society.

A hearty vote of thanks moved by Capt. Ross and seconded by Mr. Watson, was tendered President Colbeck for this interesting and instructive address.

The following programme for the meetings of the society for the year was arranged.—

1. California—a Horticulturist's Paradise. F. C. Colbeck. Thursday, February 28th.
2. Trees and Tree Planting. Arch. Gilchrist. Tuesday, March 26th.
3. The best flowering Shrubs for Ontario. J. G. Goodall. Thursday, April 18th.
4. Herbaceous Plants. Jno. McP. Ross. Thursday, May 16th.
5. Noxious Insects and Insectivorous Birds. C. W. Nash. Thursday, June 13th.
6. Melons. J. P. Spurr. Thursday, September 19th.
7. Bulbs for Fall Planting. Arthur W. Annadale. Thursday, October 18th.
8. What I Saw of Horticulture in Europe. Thos. Rennie, Thursday, November 14th.
9. Parasites. M. A. Chrysler. Thursday, December 12th.

PARIS.—At the annual meeting, the Secretary read the following report;

*To the Members of the Paris Horticultural Society.*

Your Directors beg leave to present their Second Annual Report as follows:

1. Instead of taking the benefit of 20 per cent. discount allowed by the Ontario Fruit Growers Association, in cash, your Directors decided to take it in extra premiums, believing that the objects of the Society would be better served, by introducing all the new plants and flowers possible, especially as we began the year with a good balance on hand.

2. In March we had a visit from Mr. Bacon, of Orilla, who delivered a most interesting lecture on "Bulbs." This lecture was one of the course under the auspices of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association.

3. Owing to the increased ravages of insect pests, and to the desire of fruit growers to destroy them as much as possible, your directors decided to purchase a spraying machine for the use of members of the society. This was done and the fruit trees of members in the town were sprayed three times, at a cost to the members of actual disbursements. Enough was learned to satisfy us that the use of the machine will be of great benefit, not only to the members individually, but to the Society as a whole, as a means of inducing new members to join. We would recommend that in future, the benefits of the machine be limited strictly to members of this Society.

4. On August 9th, a Flower Show was held in a large tent on the lawn of the Congregational church. The exhibit was large, particularly in cut bloom, and although not limited to members, it is pleasing to note that the great majority of prize tickets were captured by members of this Society. A nominal admission fee of ten cents was charged to non-members, as the receipts showed that a large number of the public took advantage of the show. The plants, grown from