

THE NAPANEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

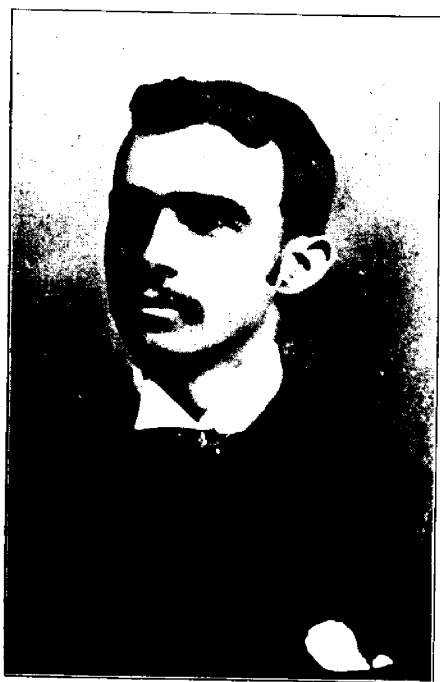


FIG. 1234.—MR. J. E. HERRING, *Sec'y-Treas.*
are studied and discussed. Occasionally

an essay is read. Last year the Society offered prizes, open to students of the Collegiate Institute, for the best collection of classified Botanical specimens of plants growing wild or commonly cultivated in Canada. The pride of the society, however, is the annual Flower Carnival which now takes rank as one of the events of the year to which the citizens generally look forward with pleasurable expectation. A very good account of the one held in September, appeared in the October number of this journal, and our readers will see by reading that account, that the Napanee Society was at considerable expense, and spared no pains in striving to make their "Flower Show" a success.

The Society has for some time past had in view the establishing of a small model park in the central part of the town, and have hopes, with the assistance of the town, that the matter will, in the coming year, be brought to a successful issue.

JAPAN PLUMS.

SPEAKING of plums, which by the way rank among the highest from a nutritive and a hygienic standpoint, the Satsuma Blood is unexcelled, if equalled, by any other of the Oriental types. Unfortunately, however, the trade knows nothing whatever about this fruit, nor how to handle it. The dealers, bless their hearts, most of them evolved from a Minnesota blizzard, or an entry clerk's high stool in some down town warehouse, are in complete ignorance of the almost infinite variety of new fruits which are every year being sent from California orchards.

Take this Satsuma plum, for instance; it will hang on the trees till late in August, or even September, and then is actually superb in quality. But the trade orders it shipped early in July, and

for no other reason except that a Bradshaw plum must be picked as soon as it gets a little colored, or it will get soft. The Satsuma gets deep red a month before it is even mature; the Grand Duke gets black and stays black for several weeks on the tree before it gets soft; Wickson must be picked before it gets a speck of color, and yet in ten days, wrapped in paper, it is completely covered with an intense carmine.

Fruits of all kinds differ vastly in their habits of maturing and ripening, and it is these hordes of draymen and office boys, who have saved a few hundred dollars, who make such hash of the best California products; nothing is easier than to go into the commission business. —Leonard Coates in California Fruit Grower.