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March, 1908.....8,056	March, 1909.....9,405
April, 1908.....8,250	April, 1909.....9,482
May, 1908.....8,573	May, 1909.....9,172
June, 1908.....8,840	June, 1909.....8,891
July, 1908.....9,015	July, 1909.....8,447
August, 1908.....9,070	August, 1909.....8,570
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EDITORIAL

THE SOCIETIES' GRANT

At the convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association, a resolution asking the government to increase the grant to horticultural societies by \$5,000 was passed unanimously. There is urgent need that this resolution meets the favor of the government. The organization of new societies at Oshawa, Whitty, Vankleek Hill, Milton and elsewhere has tended to decrease the amount available for the other societies and the applications from Fort William, Port Arthur, Springbrook and other places for the organization of horticultural societies, indicates that more societies will be organized and that the grants available for the old societies will be reduced still further.

No better work is done by any organization for the general uplift of the province than that performed by our horticultural societies. Their request for an increase of \$5,000 in the grant should be recognized at the coming session of the Legislature by a full compliance with same. The horticultural societies need the money and will use it in a manner that will benefit the province at large.

QUEEN VICTORIA PARK

Following his reference to Queen Victoria Park at the convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association, Major H. J. Snelgrove, the late president, was invited by Chairman Langmuir of the Park Commissioners to attend a meeting of the Board in Toronto on November 19th and furnish the commissioners with such information as he possessed. This invitation indicates that the park commissioners are awakening to their responsibilities and that necessary reforms in the management of the park may be made. It will be gratifying to the public to learn that this is the case. Many times during the past year or more, attention has been drawn in these columns to the incompetence of the park management. The words of the ex-president confirmed our stand. He deserves credit for bringing the matter so forcibly to the attention of the public and of the park commissioners.

Major Snelgrove did not accept the invitation of the park commissioners and in this we believe that he acted wisely. Instead, he reiterated in reply his statements at the convention and intimated his willingness to appear before a board of investigation should such be appointed. Had Major Snelgrove complied with the request of the commissioners, he would have been placed in an impossible position. When rumors of park management in Toronto were rife, what chance would one man have had in substantiating them before the committee of the city council responsible for the management of the parks? Such an investigation would have been farcical. Instead, scores of witnesses were called to give evidence before competent and impartial judges, and the charges were proved. The situation regarding Queen Victoria Park is analogous. If an investigation is to be made, it should be conducted by judges, unprejudiced and disinterested, with power to summon as many witnesses as are necessary to a full understanding of the situation. An investigation of this nature should not be necessary. Now that the park commissioners themselves have asserted a desire to see an improvement, it

should not be difficult for them to investigate the charges of incompetence that have been made and to institute the needed reforms. The people of Ontario look to them for a change.

At the convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association the pillaging of fruit by employees of express companies was condemned in vigorous terms. This is a practice that is becoming altogether too common. It is a disgrace. Many growers present told of specific cases. It is the duty of the officials of the express companies to use means, including "spotters," to locate the culprits. A term in prison for those found guilty would teach a well-earned lesson and show the companies' employees that pillaging fruit is stealing and will not be tolerated.

At the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition, visiting fruit growers showed keenest interest in the exhibits of fruit packed in boxes and barrels. Some of the judges were kept busy answering questions on best methods of packing and on why one pack and package received awards over the others. Special credit is due to Mr. P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector, for his kindness in this matter. For next year's and future shows we would suggest that the exhibition management arrange for one or more experts to be on hand during certain hours of each day after the judging is completed to make such explanations and that such be announced by placards and at the fruit growers' convention. More can be learned in short time by giving reasons for placing awards than by most any other way.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed by visitors to Toronto during horticultural week at the over-lapping of conventions. The convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association over-lapped that of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, the latter, that of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association. The officials in charge of the arrangements know this difficulty and would change matters if it were possible. One difficulty lies in the desire of each association to hold its convention as early in the week as possible. It is impossible to get a satisfactory attendance on Monday, on account not only of the distance that some delegates live from Toronto but because the cheap railway rates cannot be secured for that day. Saturday is "going home" day and few care to remain even until Friday. It is regrettable that the over-lapping occurs, but it is unavoidable. The interests of the majority must be considered.

PUBLISHERS' DESK

The national character of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST makes it necessary for us to proportion the space allotted in each issue to the various provinces in accordance with our circulation in each of them. Some of our readers imagine that we should confine practically all the space in this magazine to the interests of the province in which they reside. Occasionally a friend in Nova Scotia will tell us that we are not giving enough consideration to the horticulture of that province. Words of similar nature come sometimes from British Columbia, as is indicated by the following from a gentleman on Vancouver Island, who said, when sending his subscription: "I dropped my subscription before only because your paper is for eastern Canada." About the same