

OFFICERS OF NORFOLK FAIR



FIG. 2698 Mr. J. THOMAS MURPHY.

THE photographs of the secretary and superintendent, which were forwarded at our special request, came just too late for our November issue, so we have pleasure in using them this month with some personal remarks added, which we are sure will be interesting to fair managers in other parts.

MR. H. H. GROFF, PRESIDENT.

Mr. Groff holds the following public offices: President Norfolk Union Agricultural Society, president Simcoe Horticultural Society, president Norfolk Poultry Association, vice president Norfolk North Riding Agricultural Society, vice-president for Canada, Society of American Florists;

he is also manager of the Molsons Bank, Simcoe, but it is in his work in crossbreeding the gladiolus that has more than anything else made him famous. Of his work in connection with the Fair, Mr. Murphy writes: "The consensus of opinion is that we have the right man in the right place. As the head of the Association, his executive ability is of the first order. He is always courteous and obliging to one and all, and in the allaying of all matters causing the least annoyance or friction in reference to any of the exhibitors or the public, his wise counsel and decisions give the most perfect satisfaction."

MR. J. THOS. MURPHY, SECRETARY.

J. Thos. Murphy, who has lived in Simcoe almost all his life, has occupied the position of secretary for this association 30 years. When first elected, the Fair occupied ten acres, on which was erected a medium sized hall and a small poultry house. The membership was limited, and the entries numbered some 1,000 or 1,800. To-day about 20 acres are occupied for Fair purposes, and the following are among some of the buildings erected thereon: A woman's building for ladies' work and arts, a carriage building, a grain, fruit and vegetable hall, a poultry house, four horse stables, five cattle sheds, 300 feet of pig pens covered with galvanized iron, four large sheep pens also covered with galvanized iron, a grand stand and secretary's office, and directors' room, with fine horse ring in front of grand stand, surrounded by a good picket fence, the buildings being all well painted and in good preservation.

The grounds are also much improved in appearance by the extensive planting of maple trees, around the outside of ground, also encircling the horse ring, and several beauti