

WATERLOO.

The second annual meeting of the Waterloo Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday evening, January 13th, in the old Council chamber. There was a good attendance, including a number of ladies. Mr. J. Lockie, the president, occupied the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The Directors' report, which is subjoined, was read by the President, and the financial statement by the Secretary. The reports were adopted.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, James Lockie, *1st Vice-President*, Chas. Moogk; *2nd Vice-President*, Mrs. P. Hohmeier. *Directors*—Mrs. Dr. Webb, Miss M. Bruce, Mrs. P. Gleiser, Messrs. George Bolduc, C. M. Taylor, J. H. Ross, W. A. Raymo, A. Weidenhammer; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. H. Winkler; *Auditors*, Geo. Davidson and L. W. Shuh.

Directors' Report.

Your Directors, in making their second annual report, have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the continued success of this Society, our membership having increased to 125 the past year, each of whom received *The Canadian Horticulturist* and bound report, and we distributed in premiums 61 cherry trees, 61 plum trees, 61 pear trees, 23 spireas, 23 roses, 23 clematis, 96 cannas, 32 Dahlias, 320 gladioli, 312 house plants and 1,500 hyacinth bulbs.

The open meetings for discussion and talks on plants, fruits and flowers, have been kept up during the year, and we believe have been profitable.

On the 17th of March last the Fruit Growers' Association sent Mr. D. W. Beadle, the well known horticulturist, here who delivered an excellent lecture on "The Garden" in the Town Hall to a good audience, who showed their appreciation and interest in the subject by a number of questions at the close of the lecture.

On the 20th and 21st August the annual free exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables, was held in the Town Hall, and was in every respect a success. At exhibitions, where prizes are given, each class must be arranged together for comparison, but in this all were placed for effect; flowers were arranged with foliage and decorative plants, so that the beauties of all were brought out in the best manner. The arrangement of these by the ladies was admired by all, and we do not think could have been improved on.

The season having been more favorable, the exhibition of fruits and vegetables was greatly in advance of the previous year.

We found that keeping the exhibition open for two days instead of one as heretofore was a great gain, giving more time and opportunity to examine and discuss the exhibits.

The second afternoon was specially children's day, as your Directors feel that to interest the young in such things is the best guarantee of future interest and improved taste in this direction. On both evenings the hall was crowded with interested and delighted visitors. Your Directors feel that this manner of conducting the affairs of this Society (as advised by Mr. Beall) at its organization, by having its exhibitions free in every respect, no prizes, nor admission fee, but open to all is altogether the best plan, and fully carries out the intention of the Government in assisting these societies. Where prizes are given or admission charged only a few are benefited, but in this way it is made a public benefit and a practical educator.

Your Directors have much pleasure in stating that the annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the Town Hall here in December next, to discuss the important question of "How to make fruit growing profitable." The leading fruit growers of Canada will be present and take part, and we trust each member of this Society will use every influence to insure a large attendance during the three days' session, and especially try and induce the farmers to attend, as the information in regard to fruit growing is certain to be of great value to all.