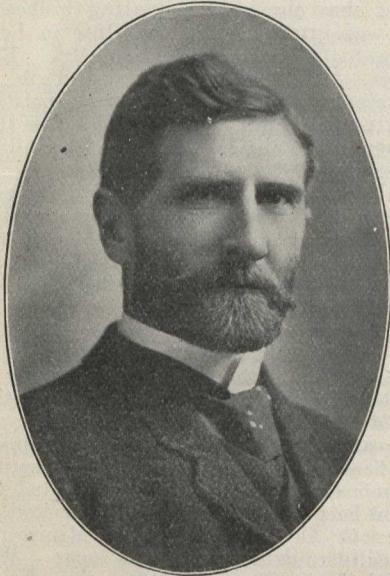


## Conference of Horticultural Societies

INTEREST and enthusiasm were manifest all through the various sessions of the fourth annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association held in Toronto, Nov. 9 and 10. Delegates were present from horticultural societies in all parts of



Mr. J. Lockie Wilson

Superintendent of Horticultural Societies and Secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association. At the convention of the latter in Toronto last month, Mr. Wilson was presented with a Royal Crown Derby plate encircled with silver as a testimonial of recognition by the association for services rendered the societies. Mr. Wilson is also the secretary of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association.

the province. They were amply repaid for their attendance by the inspiring and helpful addresses given not only by our own Canadian authorities but by speakers from the United States. Chief among the visitors were Prof. John Craig, of Cornell University, R. F. Powell, of Fairhope, Alabama and Miss Louise Klein Miller, Curator of School Gardens, Cleveland, Ohio. The addresses of Mr. Powell and Miss Miller were along the lines of school garden work and vacant lot gardening. The grand results that are attending this form of effort in various cities in the States were ably described by both speakers. Miss Miller illustrated her address by a series of splendid stereopticon views.

Mr. R. B. Whyte, the newly elected president, upon assuming office expressed the view that the work of the association should be extended to include matters relating to the growing of fruit and vegetables by amateurs. This form of work, he claimed, is not now covered by either the fruit or the vegetable growers' associations.

The convention decided unanimously to urge the Ontario Government to increase the annual grant to the societies by \$5,000 a year.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected:

Pres., R. B. Whyte, Ottawa; 1st vice-pres., Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth; 2nd vice-pres., J. P. Jaffray, Galt; sec., J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto; treasurer, H. B. Cowan, Peterboro.

Hon. directors, W. T. Macoun, Ottawa; Prof. H. L. Hutt, Guelph; W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines; Major H. J. Snelgrove, Cobourg.

Directors, District 1, F. B. Bowden, Van-leek Hill. District 2, W. J. Diamond, Belle-

ville. District 3, Miss M. E. Balcklock, Toronto. District 4, J. O. McCulloch, Hamilton. District 5, Jas. Mitchell, Goderich. District 6, Geo. W. Tebbs, Hespeler. District 7, H. J. McKay, Windsor.

Auditors, A. O. Jeffrey, London; Col. R. E. Kent, Kingston.

Representative to the Canadian National Exhibition: Major H. J. Snelgrove, Cobourg.

Representatives to convention of American Civic Association: W. B. Bugoyne, St. Catharines, Ont.; J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto.

Nomenclature Committee: J. Cavers, Oakville; W. T. Macoun, Ottawa; Prof. H. L. Hutt, Guelph; R. Cameron, Toronto; H. B. Cowan, Peterboro.

Novelties Committee: W. T. Macoun, Ottawa; R. Cameron, Toronto; Wm. Hunt, Guelph, Miss Blacklock, Toronto.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Major H. J. Snelgrove, of Cobourg, in his presidential address, reviewed the splendid progress made by the Association and touched on the principal horticultural events of the year. On hearing of the deterioration that was taking place in the condition of Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, as the result of its present management, he had written to Premier Whitney and drawn the matter to his attention.

Premier Whitney had replied, expressing surprise and promising to have the matter investigated. Major Snelgrove pointed out that Queen Victoria Park is a national park that is visited by thousands of strangers every year. Its appearance therefore, concerns our national pride.

The suggestion that was made recently in the editorial columns of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST that the Ontario Horticultural Association should extend the scope of its work and include fruit and vegetable growing for amateurs was endorsed. It was pointed out that the fruit and vegetable growers' associations are commercial in character and ignore this branch of work. Mention was made of the splendid work being done by the C.P.R. to encourage flower growing around its stations throughout Canada and of the excellent bulletin issued last summer on perennials and prepared by Mr. W. T. Macoun, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The bill board nuisance was condemned.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the treasurer, Mr. H. B. Cowan of Peterboro, showed total receipts of \$201.85 and total expenditures of \$106.60 leaving a balance of \$95.25 on hand. Some 38 societies had paid two dollars each to affiliate with the provincial association.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent J. Lockie Wilson, of Toronto, reported that the year had been a

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