

REPORT

Your Directors, in compliance with the statutory requirements, beg to present the following report of the Society's operations during the past year:—

For the purpose of holding the Annual Flower Show of the Society, your Directors made application to the City Council, and were granted the use of the Pavilion and grounds of the Horticultural Gardens (upon the same conditions as previous years) for Wednesday and Thursday, the 24th and 25th of July.

Your Directors were greatly assisted in their efforts by a Committee of Horticulturists, representing the interests of the exhibitors and florists generally, who kindly consented to co-operate with the Board in furthering the objects of the Society and ensuring the success of the Flower Show. The Committee met with your Directors and revised the Prize List, increasing, in many instances, the amount of the awards and re-arranging a number of the Sections. This Committee comprised the following well-known Florists and Nurserymen:—Mr. John Chambers, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Toronto; Mr. George Leslie, Jr., of Geo. Leslie & Son, Nurserymen, Toronto; Mr. John Paxton, Gardener, Bracondale; Mr. John H. Dunlop, Florist, Toronto; Mr. George Reeves, Gardener at City Reservoir, Toronto, and Mr. Thos. Manton, of Manton Bros., Florists, Toronto.

The number of entries in the several classes were as follows:—Class I., Plants and Flowers, 183; Class II., Cut Flowers, 166; Class III., Fruit, 50, and Class IV., Amateurs, 70, making a total of 469, as against 457 of the preceding year. The number of entries each in the last five years are given below:—

1885	398
1886	538
1887	306
1888	457
1889	469