

Increased the Door Receipts

Our annual show is held in September, and usually has about 200 entries. The prize money paid amounts to about \$150. Last year we gave the children about \$50 in seeds and plants, which were to be exhibited at the fall show. We afterwards found a great many of the children had sold them. However, we had thirty entries, and some of the children obtained as much as \$5 in prizes.

This season we have given away 150 plants, three to each child, for which we have charged them ten cents, to be refunded if the plants are exhibited. The result has been that we have procured a far better class of applicants than we had last year. We find as a result of the children exhibiting we have an increase in our door receipts of more than double over last year. This year we are considering the advisability of holding a promenade concert in connection with our show.—(H. L. Beal, Sec. Peterboro Hort'l Soc.)

Have Held Many Shows

The Galt Horticultural Society held its 12th annual exhibition and flower show at the Hockey rink, August 31 and September 1 and 2. On the opening day the exhibition was open only in the evening, and the two remaining days from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The prize list was a long one, and consisted of all cash prizes. Class A comprised plants in pots, open to all; class B, plants in pots, open to amateurs only; class C, cut flowers; class D, cut flowers, open to all; class E, fruits, to be shown unpolished, open to all, also including grapes grown under glass and in the open air, and class G, vegetables, open to all. There were ten special prizes for different displays, including single flowers, bouquets, baskets, decorated table plants, etc.

School Children's Sweet Pea Exhibition

The most interesting feature of the regular monthly meeting of the Ottawa Horticultural Society during August was the exhibition of sweet peas made by the school children of the city, for which prizes were offered by Mr. R. R. Whyte, of Ottawa. There were 110 entries, many of the exhibits being remarkably fine. The display was a handsome one.

A short address was given to the children by Mayor J. A. Ellis, who acted as a judge of the exhibit. An illustration of this exhibit will be published in *The Horticulturist* before long. The regular meeting of the society was well attended, and there were numerous exhibits.

During the summer the attention of our society has been directed to the beautifying of the old cemeteries in the town, and this work has been entrusted to a committee of ladies chosen from the members of the society. The work has proven very successful and has been the means of bringing our society more prominently before the public.—(C. J. Foy, Sec. Perth Hort'l Soc.)

A Popular House Meeting

The members of the Grimsby Horticultural Society met at the house of Mr. Linus Woolverton August 16. Each member was requested to bring at least one contribution to the flower table, and so many of them responded that the dining room extension table at full length scarcely afforded room for the gorgeous display. The hours were from seven to 10 p.m., and the whole affair had the air of an evening reception. An unusually interesting musical program added greatly to the evening's pleasure.



MR. CHAS. MEIGHEN.

One of the most interesting and successful horticultural societies in the province is located in the little town of Perth, the president being Mr. Chas. Meighen, whose likeness is here shown. This society has done a great deal to improve the public taste in the town. In this connection Mr. Meighen was the prime mover in having the grounds of the College Institute and public school beautified by planting flowers, with the result that they compare favourably with similar grounds to be found anywhere. Since the society's organization some years ago, Mr. Meighen has been on the board of directors. He has always taken a great interest in horticulture and having a very fine garden of his own, Mr. Meighen's experience has made him an authority on the growing and cultivation of flowers.

sure, and to this numbers were contributed by the Grimsby orchestra, by Mr. Kimmins, of Winona, a much appreciated soloist, by Miss Mortimer, of Washington, whose mandolin and violin solos were beyond criticism, and others. The president, Mr. A. Rutherford, took charge of the program, and during the course of the evening introduced Mr. J. R. Dickson, representing the Hamilton Horticultural Society, who gave an address, in which he complimented the Grimsby society on conducting such an interesting and profitable social meeting and contrasted it as being far more satisfactory than the large public exhibition with heavy prizes, which so often left the society hopelessly in debt.—W.

This will be the first fall in some years in which our society will hold a separate show, it having hitherto united with the Agricultural society. The show will be held in some large building, centrally located, possibly the town armories. A band concert and promenade will probably be held in connection with the evening show. This society has had the record in past years of giving the best prizes of any horticultural society in the province. Last year five or six special cash prizes were won by zealous members. The paid membership last year was 134.—(Herman O. Guild, Sec. Kingston Hort'l Soc.)