

## THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION

Final preparations for the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition which will be held in Massey Hall, Toronto, November 14-18, have practically been completed. Everything indicates that this year's exhibition will be much ahead of the one held last year, in the number and quality of the exhibits, as well as in the attendance. The prize lists have been increased, and this year there will be an exhibit of vegetables in addition to the fruit, flowers and honey.

Massey Hall, where the exhibition is to be held, lends itself admirably to decorative effects. A committee has been at work for some time planning the arrangement of the exhibits, with the result that the hall should present a very attractive appearance at the time of the show. Exhibits of flowers will be made upstairs and down, while the commercial exhibits will be shown in the basement. There will be the same special features there were last year, including cooking demonstrations by members of the Women's Institutes, fruit packing demonstrations by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, special exhibits by the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations, and by the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, a special exhibit by the Guelph Agricultural College, and other features of this nature.

One of the pleasing parts of the floral section will be a competition for the best decorated dinner table. Some of the exhibitors purpose making a great display of cut glass, silver, china, etc., and it is anticipated the value of these exhibits will amount to thousands of dollars. In the fruit department, one of the most interesting features will be the exhibits by the cooperative fruit associations throughout the province. An evidence of the great interest taken in the show is afforded by the fact that nine county councils have made special grants to encourage exhibitors from their counties. All the fruit shown at Simcoe will be exhibited at the Toronto Exhibition.

As was the case last year, a special feature of the exhibition will be the various conventions, four of which will be held. These include the convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, which will take place Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; the first convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, which will be held Thursday and Friday, and the convention of representatives from the horticultural societies in the province, which will be held Friday. At this latter convention the formation of a provincial horticultural association will be considered.

The main features of the fruit growers' program include a directors' meeting, Tuesday afternoon, a public meeting Tuesday evening, at which the Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and A. M. Brown, of Wyoming, Delaware, will be the principal speakers. On Wednesday morning the president's annual address will be given, after which general business will be disposed of. In the afternoon the report of the New Fruits Committee will be considered. Mr. Harold

Jones, of Maitland, will speak on "Selection of Sites for Orchards." Mr. G. C. Caston, of Craighurst, and Mr. W. T. Macoun, of Ottawa, will speak on "The Effect of Manuring on Hardiness for Northern Districts." Mr. J. G. Mitchell will speak on "Plums," and an address will be given by Mr. L. Woolverton. Wednesday evening the Transportation Com-



One of the most enthusiastic workers in Ontario in the cause of horticulture is Major H. J. Snelgrove, M. A., of Cobourg, who for ten years has been the secretary of the Cobourg Horticultural Society. Major Snelgrove is the chairman of the committee appointed at the time of the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition last year, to consider the advisability of forming a provincial horticultural association and to suggest changes in the Act governing the horticultural societies of Ontario. This committee will present its report at the convention of delegates from horticultural societies which will be held Friday, November 17, at the time of the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition. It is men like Major Snelgrove who are making a success of the work of our horticultural societies.

mittee will present its report and Mr. A. M. Brown, of Delaware, will speak. The meeting Thursday morning will be devoted to the consideration of matters that will come before the Dominion conference of fruit growers. At the afternoon session Prof. F. T. Shutt, M.A., will speak on "Fertilizers for Orchard Crops," and Mr. Robt. Thompson will give the result of the fruit shipments to Winnipeg.

The Vegetable Growers' Association will listen to addresses by Professors Lochhead, Harcourt and Zavitz, of Guelph; Mr. J. L. Hilborn, of Leamington; Mr. W. C. McCalla, of St. Catharines; Mr. John Hyatt, of Westlake; Mr. R. Brodic, of Westmount, a speaker representing the Canadian Cannery Association, and a speaker from the United States. The arrangement of the program has not been finally completed, but will be shortly.

The Horticultural Convention will be held on Friday. An effort is being made to induce the various horticultural societies to run excursions to Toronto. At the morning session the advisability of forming a provincial association will be discussed, and there will be addresses by officers of horticultural societies regarding the best methods of work. In the afternoon the principal speakers will be Mr. Wm. Hunt, of Guelph, and Mr. W. T. Macoun, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

**Useful Information.**—The lover of beautiful gardens and those who appreciate fine house plants should secure one of J. A. Simmer's latest seed catalogues. The annual autumn catalogue published this fall is replete with illustrations and gives a full description of pot plants for indoor culture, and desirable spring flowering bulbs. Hardy perennials and annuals which may be planted or sown in the fall, ornamental shrubs, and garden tools and requisites fill up the back pages. It is free and worth writing for.