

flourish. The spring and summer exhibitions were as successful as could be expected under the circumstances; the unusually severe frosts that occurred in June, and the general failure in fruit of most kinds, operated most injuriously on Horticultural Exhibitions throughout the Province. The Fall Exhibition was held in the Crystal Palace, in connection with the "Electoral Division Society," and formed one of the principal attractions of that show. The vegetable department was excellent.

We learn from the Report that the ground given by the President of the Society, Hon. G. W. Allan, for the purposes of a Botanical Garden, has been put under a course of improvement and preparation. Nearly £400 having been expended in draining, levelling, mounds, roads, &c., under the superintendence of Mr. Edwin Taylor, Landscape Gardener, of this city, who furnished the plan which is so generally admired. It is expected that the garden will be sufficiently finished this year for occupation by the society in the fall. These grounds, when completed, will reflect great credit on the Society, will be a lasting monument of its President's enlightened generosity, and will afford delightful walks to the members and citizens generally, amidst the most attractive and delightful objects of nature.

We are glad to find from the prize list of the present year that the President again offers three silver medals:

- For the best collection of Roses (all kinds).
- For the best collection of Grapes and other Fruits (grown under glass).
- For the greatest number of first Prizes in Vegetables and smaller Fruits.

SPECIAL PRIZE OF \$5,

- For the greatest number of new or rare Plants and Flowers shown during the season, and not previously exhibited.

The Report concludes with the following just tribute to the character and services of an old and tried friend of Canadian Horticulture, who has lately been removed from among us by the destroying hand of death.

Your Committee, before concluding this very imperfect report, feel it to be their melancholy duty to make a brief allusion to the loss the Horticultural community has sustained in the lamented decease of Judge Campbell, of Niagara. By the members of this Society, to most of whom he was personally known, his general kindness of disposition, and readiness to enter into any scheme for the furtherance of our common object, will—while we cannot but express deep regret for his sudden and unlooked for departure from amongst us—be ever pleasingly remembered; in fact his indefatigable exertions and enthusiasm in every thing pertaining to Horticultural matters, will form a subject of conversation for years to come, more particularly during the holding of the "Annual Exhibition of the Provincial Agricultural Association," at which he was on every occasion, we can safely affirm, the largest, most valuable, and successful contributor in his department, and it will be long ere his place can be supplied.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This valuable society continues to pursue the even tenor of its way, making a gradual and consequently a healthy progress. It embraces many able cultivators of the Horticultural art, both professional and amateur, and Hamilton possesses within itself all the elements of a good permanent society, and the means of getting up first rate exhibitions, some of which we have attended with great pleasure and profit. We subjoin a few extracts from the Report that will generally interest our readers:

EXHIBITIONS.

The Exhibitions of the Society have been unusually successful, and the quality of all articles exhibited, especially Flowers and Vegetables, has been superior. Stone fruit, having entirely failed in this district, (owing probably to the severe frost of the winter of 1858-9, when the thermometer sank to more than 30° below zero, and also to the late frost on the 12th of June, which was very severe) there was a falling off in this department. It was, however, more than made up for by the great excellence of the others.

The following table shewing the progress of the Society is deemed worthy of preservation: