

# The Provincial Grants to Horticultural Societies

THE accompanying table, that has been prepared by Mr. H. B. Cowan, supt. of hort'l societies for Ont., shows how the various hort'l societies in the province would have been affected by the new act governing hort'l societies had they received their grants this year on the same basis as they will receive their grants next year. In the past the societies have received practically fixed grants each

year irrespective of the value of the work they were doing. Societies where there were only a few in a county received larger grants than societies did where there were a number in a county. Under the new act the grant of \$8,000 (which is \$1,500 larger than the former grant, owing to an anticipated increase in the number of societies) will be distributed on the following basis: \$2,400 will be distributed among

the societies in proportion to their total number of members during the preceding year; \$4,800 in proportion to the total amount expended by each society during the preceding year for horticultural purposes, and an extra grant of \$800 among the four city societies of London, Hamilton, Toronto, and Ottawa, in proportion to their number of members during the current year.

This year the societies will receive their grants on the same basis as usual. The accompanying table has been prepared to give the societies an idea of how their grants next year are likely to be affected by the new act.

It will be noticed that only a few societies will suffer any decrease in their grants. Most of these societies have received unusually large grants in the past. The great majority of societies will receive nice increases in their grants, while in the case of several societies their grants will be doubled.

The special grant to city societies, which have a total membership in 1906 of 672, is divided as follows: Ottawa, membership 267, proportion of \$800 grant, \$318; London, membership 160, proportion of \$800 grant, \$190; Toronto, membership 115, proportion of \$800 grant, \$137; Hamilton, membership 130, proportion of \$800 grant, \$155.

## Ontario Horticultural Association

A deputation composed of Messrs. W. B. Burgoyne, of Hamilton, pres. Ont. Hort. Assn.; Maj. H. J. Snelgrove, of Cobourg, v-pres. of the same assn, and H. B. Cowan, sup. of horticultural societies for Ont., and sec. of the assn., waited on Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agri. for Ont., Sept. 5, and asked that the proceedings of the annual convention of the assn. should be printed and distributed among the members of the hort. societies of the province. They asked, also, that a grant of \$100 to the provincial assn. be made to assist in defraying the expenses of bringing speakers to the conventions. The members of the deputation explained that the horticultural societies in the province are not sufficiently numerous or wealthy to be able to defray these expenses. They pointed out that it is desirable that there should be a provincial organization to furnish an opportunity for the societies to compare notes and discuss methods of work which they have found to be successful. In this way new lines of work can be made known and the societies strengthened. The Ont. Assn. would like to bring well-known speakers, such as Mr. J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic Improvement Assn., and others to its conventions, that it may be kept in touch with work being done on behalf of horticultural improvement in the U.S.

Hon. Mr. Monteith, in replying to the deputation, stated that he was deeply interested in the work being done by the hortl. societies of the province. He realized that there is another side of life beside that of making money, and believed that the hortl. societies minister to that side. He had always felt that the organization launched some years ago in favor of civic improvement would not succeed as the work it proposed to accomplish belonged properly to the hortl. societies. He promised careful consideration of the requests made by the deputation, and intimated that he considered their requests reasonable.

The Brantford Hort. Soc. held its annual flower show on the evening of Sept. 14. It was a decided success in every way; the number of exhibits was large and the quality well above the average. Mr. Wm. Hunt, of the O.A.C., Guelph, delivered a most instructive and interesting address, and complimented the society on the marked improvement of this year's show over that of previous years.

Society	Av. Grant 1903-4-5	Av. Expen. 1903-4-5	Member- ship '05	Total Grant	Increase	Decrease
Brantford.....	\$ 138.30	\$ 132.00	52	\$ 72.00	.....	\$66.00
Walkerton.....	85.30	200.00	92	113.00	28.00	.....
Millbrook.....	68.60	113.00	54	65.00	.....	3.00
Port Hope.....	92.60	195.00	93	112.00	20.00	.....
Bowmanville.....	82.30	160.00	89	96.00	14.00	.....
Port Elgin.....	42.60	106.00	55	62.00	20.00	.....
Tara.....	32.00	95.00	58	59.00	27.00	.....
Kincardine.....	61.60	209.00	133	132.00	71.00	.....
Paisley.....	48.00	164.00	101	103.00	55.00	.....
Chesley.....	63.30	178.00	142	122.00	59.00	.....
Orangeville.....	119.60	196.00	107	117.00	.....	2.00
Aylmer.....	74.60	296.00	206	193.00	119.00	.....
Springfield.....	62.60	32.00	137	63.00	1.00	.....
Windsor.....	105.00	419.00	145	220.00	115.00	.....
Cardinal.....	140.00	197.00	73	105.00	.....	35.00
Thornbury.....	31.60	85.00	55	54.00	23.00	.....
Owen Sound.....	37.60	97.00	83	68.00	31.00	.....
Durham.....	59.30	154.00	72	88.00	29.00	.....
Cayuga.....	104.00	185.00	104	112.00	8.00	.....
Clinton.....	78.00	172.00	86	100.00	22.00	.....
Goderich.....	78.60	236.00	74	121.00	43.00	.....
Seaforth.....	61.00	199.00	116	122.00	61.00	.....
Lanark.....	81.30	201.00	104	118.00	37.00	.....
Oakville.....	59.30	99.00	99	76.00	17.00	.....
Stirling.....	76.30	112.00	52	64.00	.....	12.00
Deseronto.....	100.00	91.00	51	54.00	.....	46.00
Belleville.....	140.00	236.00	52	113.00	.....	27.00
Perth.....	125.30	240.00	117	138.00	15.00	.....
Smith's Falls.....	99.30	233.00	125	138.00	39.00	.....
Napanee.....	140.00	130.00	52	71.00	.....	69.00
Grimsby.....	44.60	102.00	76	68.00	24.00	.....
St. Catharines.....	45.60	229.00	191	161.00	116.00	.....
Strathroy.....	84.60	225.00	140	141.00	57.00	.....
Simcoe.....	68.60	108.00	72	69.00	1.00	.....
Port Dover.....	61.00	119.00	59	69.00	8.00	.....
Cobourg.....	140.00	184.00	87	105.00	.....	35.00
Tillsonburg.....	48.30	138.00	65	79.00	31.00	.....
Woodstock.....	61.00	168.00	107	106.00	45.00	.....
Brampton.....	123.60	172.00	96	104.00	.....	19.00
Mitchell.....	60.60	166.00	124	111.00	51.00	.....
Stratford.....	93.60	162.00	125	110.00	17.00	.....
Peterboro and Ashburnham.....	115.00	189.00	108	115.00	.....	.....
Picton.....	78.30	103.00	82	71.00	.....	7.00
Renfrew.....	140.00	263.00	93	139.00	.....	1.00
Midland.....	52.00	117.00	69	72.00	20.00	.....
Orillia.....	60.30	163.00	77	93.00	33.00	.....
Barrie.....	71.00	201.00	112	121.00	50.00	.....
Collingwood.....	71.30	211.00	140	135.00	64.00	.....
Lindsay.....	73.30	148.00	110	99.00	26.00	.....
Elmira.....	50.60	100.00	69	65.00	15.00	.....
Waterloo.....	123.30	246.00	152	153.00	30.00	.....
Galt.....	91.00	175.00	127	116.00	25.00	.....
Hespeler.....	70.30	116.00	74	73.00	3.00	.....
Preston.....	102.00	149.00	125	105.00	3.00	.....
Niagara Falls.....	52.30	77.00	55	51.00	.....	1.00
Elora and Salem.....	41.60	58.00	54	43.00	2.00	.....
Fergus.....	42.30	83.00	66	57.00	15.00	.....
Clifford.....	75.30	351.00	135	189.00	114.00	.....
Newmarket.....	61.30	135.00	85	85.00	24.00	.....
Hamilton.....	350.00	600.00	130	287.00	.....	.....
Kingston.....	140.00	354.00	191	155.00	.....	.....
Ottawa.....	350.00	491.00	248	211.00	.....	.....
				286.00	92.00	.....
				318.00	.....	.....
London.....	140.00	152.00	120	104.00	.....	.....
				190.00	154.00	.....
Toronto.....	140.00	342.00	134	186.00	.....	.....
				137.00	183.00	.....
Guelph.....	105.30	233.00	145	146.00	41.00	.....
	\$5,916.00	\$11,992.00	6,622	\$7,196.00		