

## MEAFORD.

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## NIAGARA FALLS.

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This active flourishing society numbered over 100 members in 1896, and over fifty members already for 1897.

On March 10th, 1896, a show of house plants was made. A. McNeill, of Windsor, James Sheppard, of Queenstown, and T. Greiner, of LaSalle, N.Y., delivered instructive addresses, and a large audience heard them.

On June 18th, the Society, with many excursionists, visited Guelph. On August 27th a very fine exhibition, in which Begonias much abounded, was held. An orchestra in the evening was much appreciated; many members exhibited plants and flowers. Pomegranates, Wild Grapes and some very fine Japan Plums figured among the fruits. In November the Society gave a very fine Chrysanthemum exhibition to all comers, free of cost. The Society holds business meetings on the second Monday of each month. On the third Monday they hold open meetings to which all members and their friends are invited. Essays, lectures and discussions are in order. Fruit and flowers for name are brought to the meetings. A small flower show is often an attractive feature.

## PORT DOVER.

*President*, James Symington; *1st Vice-President*, H. Holden; *2nd Vice-President*, Wm. Stamp; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. J. Carpenter. *Directors*, D. Woolley, Wm. Duncan, B. Bowlby, Wm. Corbett, C. Fairchild, R. Fleming, George C. Ryerse, A. G. Rose and W. J. Carpenter; *Auditors*, L. G. Morgan and S. Maneer.

A touching tribute of respect for the memory of the first Vice-President, the late Mr. C. C. Olds, was paid by several members present, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to the relatives of the deceased.

The Society was inaugurated last February (1896) with only about a dozen members. Since then, owing to the activity of its officers and members, it has now the full complement required by the law to entitle it to the Government bonus of \$100, which will help not a little to increase the efficiency and influence of the organization during the coming year. Its members comprise a good many of the most prominent and influential fruit growers and others in the district, and if the present interest in it is kept up it will prove of great value to the community. All members are entitled to a copy of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, recently enlarged and improved; also to a copy of the annual report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and a choice of one of the following: 1. New Japan Lilac; 2. Lilium Speciosum Roseum; 3. Conrath Raspberry; 4. Dempsey Pear, which is a cross between a Bartlett and a Duchess.