



FIG. 1973. D. W. BEADLE.
Elected Life Member in 1900.

for it shows the faces of some of our highly esteemed and prominent Directors and patrons now passed away.

In the front row, beginning from the left, we notice Messrs. W. E. Wellington, J. A. Morton, M. Pettit, A. M. Smith, A. McD. Allan, Thos. Beall, *P. C. Dempsey, and *J. M. Denton; in the second row, T. H. Race, *John Croil, *Prof. Panton, Dr. Saunders, the Secretary, J. K. McMichael, G. C. Caston, A. H. Pettit, and further in the rear, W. M. Orr, Jas. Goldie, E. Morden, L. P. Rice, P. E. Bucke, W. W. Hillborn, E. D. Smith, and *Warren Holton.

In 1894, we formed a plan for the establishment of Fruit Experiment Stations, to be governed by us in conjunction with the O. A. C. at Guelph, which, while it increases our official work, largely increases our usefulness, and from the reports from these stations, publications of permanent value will soon result.

In 189-, Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay,

*Deceased.

read a paper before our association in which he advocated the formation of Horticultural Societies more in accordance with the true intent of the Act than those already existing, most of which seem only to aim at the division of the legislative grant among a few professional exhibitors, while the membership as a whole get little or no benefit. The Act contemplates five objects, as follows:—
(1) The holding of meetings for discussion and for hearing lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved horticulture. (2) The promotion of the circulation of horticultural periodicals. (3) The importation and otherwise procuring seeds and plants of new and valuable kinds. (4) The offering of prizes for essays and questions of scientific enquiry relating to horticulture. (5) The awarding of premiums for the invention or improvement of horticultural implements and machinery for the production of all kinds of vegetables, plants, flowers and fruit, and generally for excellence in any horticultural production in operation.

Of these objects, most of the old style horticultural societies choose out a portion of the fifth object only and totally disregard the other and more important objects. To remedy this evil, our directorate appointed Mr. Thos. Beall organizing director of (affiliated) horticultural societies, whose by-laws are so modified as to give greater attention to the other and more important objects and less to the mere holding of an annual show of flowers. The scheme has met with the approval of the leading horticultural people, and already we have fifty such affiliated societies, with over fifty members each, all receiving our journal and report and plant distribution free, and an annual visit from some able lecturer sent out by our association. We hope it may not be very long before every horticultural society in the Province will fall in line and thus reach a place of wider usefulness.

This constant enlargement of our work