

With the Horticultural Societies

At a meeting of the directors of the Toronto soc. in St. George's Hall, on Feb. 20, steps were taken to obtain some permanent improvement in the condition of the boulevards and lawns of the city by the planting of trees and shrubs and hedges at street corners, etc., and to establish combined effort on the part of the residents of different neighborhoods. It was decided to appoint qualified persons to make suggestions for the beautification of a street or neighborhood, and interest the residents by advising them of the recommended and possible improvement, and to invite them to meet and discuss these improvements, and to obtain the combined effort sought.

To stimulate the civic improvement move, arrangements have been made with Mr. J. Horace McFarland, pres. of the American Civic Improvement Assn., to deliver a lecture on or about Mar. 20. Lectures regarding beautifying home surroundings and others of a similar nature will be delivered bi-monthly during the year. The executive decided to join forces with the Guild of Civic Art, and Col. Delamere was appointed representative of the society, to work with the executive of the Guild.

DUNVILLE'S NEW SOCIETY

In January residents of the town of Dunville held a meeting and organized a society known as the Dunville Horticultural Society. Already our membership is approaching the 200 mark. The people of this town are interested and we expect to make Dunville one of the most attractive towns in Western Ontario.

Officers for the year 1906: Pres., F. R. Lalor, M.P.; 1st v.-pres. Judge Douglas; 2nd v.-pres., S. W. Brown, D.D.S.; treas., L. Werner; sec., L. H. Weaver, directors, Wm. Patterson, J. H. Rowe, G. H. Brett, F. Waines, R. G. Hucks, J. A. Scholfield, C. H. Weaver, J. H. Smith, W. Fry, auditors, Messrs. A. W. Hume and G. Mussen.

BRANTFORD.

The adjourned annual meeting of Brantford soc. was held Jan. 18, when the following officers were elected: Pres., John Thresher; 1st v.-pres., A. McMeans; 2nd v.-pres., H. Waddington; sec., R. W. Brooks; treas., John H. Adams; auditors, H. F. Leonard and C. T. Errett; hon. director, J. Y. Morton; directors, Jas. P. Hoag, W. B. Wickens, D. Dempster, J. T. Rose, H. B. Adams, J. E. Baker, J. Tilley, R. J. Taylor, T. Ranson.

Committees were appointed to arrange membership cards in regard to offering premiums and flower seed to the school children.

Last year nearly 6,000 packages were distributed; a considerable increase is provided for this year. The secretary was authorized to communicate with the city council asking for an increased grant, and also to have some land now belonging to the city, containing about two

acres, laid out with walks and planted with trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers and properly labelled with both botanical and common names, with the idea and purpose of nature study.

The society is on the eve of a very prosperous term, having a balance on hand of \$160. The teachers of the public schools are anxious to

have a school show of work done by the pupils to be held at the same time and place as the exhibition, but not in any way to interfere with the funds.

MILLBROOK.

During 1905 much was done by the Millbrook soc. to maintain the high standard of beauty that is found around the residences and public buildings of that town. At the annual meeting it was decided to continue distributing plants, seeds and bulbs among the members. The officers for 1906 are: Pres., A. T. Armstrong; 1st v.-pres., G. A. Duncan; 2nd v.-pres., Mrs. T. Gillott; sec.-treas., W. S. Given. Last year some members took THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, and others selected other papers. This year, however, it was unanimously voted to take THE HORTICULTURIST.

HAMILTON.

At a meeting of the Hamilton soc. on Feb. 5, Prof. H. L. Hutt, of Guelph, gave a very interesting address on "The City Man's Garden." Prof. Hutt advised the members to make the best use they could of the space at their disposal in the gardens by having fruits, flowers and vegetables. He gave a number of valuable pointers, and distributed documents of an instructive character. One paper contained a list of 50 hardy perennials of a desirable kind which had been tested at the college. Mention was made of the way in which they were usually propagated. Another paper contained a list of the leading varieties of vegetables with notes on their cultivation. He also gave pointers on fruit trees.

GRIMSBY.

At a meeting of the directors of the Grimsby soc., Jan. 29, at which two very important questions with regard to the coming year's work were taken up. First, that of endeavoring to encourage the school children in the cultivation of plants and flowers. The plan presented was that of appointing a committee to distribute flower seeds to the children in the spring, with the object of having them cultivate a plot of plants and flowers at their homes, and in the fall hold an exhibition at which one department would be given over to the children, and prizes would be offered for the displays from the children's flower gardens. The committee would also have the oversight of the children's gardens during the season, instructing and encouraging them in the cultivation and attendance.

Another matter discussed was that of "beauty spots," or local improvement, and the beautification of the village and township. A committee, consisting of J. A. Livingston, Dr. Smith, H. K. Griffith and J. W. Brennan, was appointed to take steps with regard to this matter.

GUELPH.

There was a large attendance at the postponed meeting of the Guelph soc., Jan. 30. Floral songs were a special feature. A resume of the work done during the past year, given by the sec., Miss A. Rose, showed that 8 public meetings had been held, 925 packages of aster seeds distributed to pupils in the public and separate schools, an exhibition of the aster blooms held, and many prizes given, 57 trees, donated by citizens, and planted under the direction of the horticultural society, and window boxes placed on the city hall and post office.

Pres. Harris emphasized the work among the school children, and said it was most important and should be continued. Civic improvements should receive great attention. He suggested prizes for best window boxes, best kept lawns and gar-tens, and asked the members to be satisfied with smaller premiums that the money might be expended on civic improvements. Mr. Harris strongly urged all to become members, and so enable the society to receive the maxi-

mum Government grant, which is based on membership. The premiums for 1906 include Sweet Pea seed, Asters (Semple's branching), Gladioli, Hydrangea paniculata, Spirea Van Houtti, Rose, Gen. Jacqueminot.

The following officers were elected:—Pres., Rev. P. C. L. Harris; 1st v.-pres., E. Shuttleworth; 2nd v.-pres., Jas. Anderson. sec., Miss Annie Rose; treas., Wm. Ross; hon. director, Jas. Goldie, directors, Mayor Sleeman, Prof. Hutt, Dr. Dryden, J. W. Lyon, Thos. Till, Wm. Hunt, Jas. Gilchrist, C. C. Dawson, T. J. Moore.

PORT DOVER.



J. A. Symington,
Port Dover

At the annual meeting of Port Dover soc., the election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Jas. Symington; v.-pres., John Aldridge; 2nd v.-pres., R. M. Taylor; sec.-treas., F. J. Taylor; directors, W. J. Carpenter, J. Aldridge, W. Stamp, G. Walker, F. Ryerse, J. E. Anderson, C. McNeillidge, R. S. Fleming and M. Hodge; auditors, L. G. Morgan, W. R. Liddy.

Pres. Symington called on Mr. W. R. Liddy, B.A., to lead in a discussion on the advantage and profits of peach growing. Mr. Liddy gave an interesting and instructive address and was followed by L. G. Morgan, Jas. Symington, J. E. Anderson and R. M. Taylor.

A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Symington, F. Taylor, Anderson and R. M. Taylor to report on the best variety of peaches for that locality, and a resolution passed requesting the residents of Port Dover and surrounding tountry to give the growth of peaches a fair trial and report the result to the society.

A Valuable New Idea

We are in receipt of that marvellous book of strawberry lore, the 1906 issue of R. M. Kellogg's "Great Crops of Strawberries and How to Grow Them." This book is one of the handsomest of its kind in print and it is a veritable picture book, filled with beautiful illustrations of home scenes of enthusiastic strawberry growers and other characteristic views beautifully reproduced in half-tone.

The R. M. Kellogg Co. is authority on everything that relates to the strawberry and its production.

The flood of questions concerning strawberry culture, which reaches that company's office daily, has resulted in the determination of its management to establish a correspondence school of strawberry culture, in which everybody, everywhere, may receive thorough, practical instructions just when most needed. An illustrated monthly magazine will be the medium between this school and its membership.

The new catalogue issued by John A. Bruce & Co., seed merchants, of Hamilton, is full of valuable information for those interested in horticulture or general farming. A full line of seeds used on the farm and in the vegetable garden, flower garden and greenhouse is listed. New introductions are offered to the public with full descriptions and fine illustrations. This firm also carries a supply of gardeners' tools, spraying outfits and general sundries handled by up-to-date seed merchants.