

and 48 lb.; loquats, 10, 20, and 40 lb.; strawberries, 1 and 10 lb. This resolution has been communicated to the Capetown Corporation, with the request that these standard packages be adopted for the sale of fruit on the Capetown market, such standard not to contain less than the weight above mentioned, and to be known as whole, half, and quarter, and pointing out also the necessity of very stringent market regulations about the grading of fruit, which should be of uniform quality in the package.

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**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.**—Our readers will be interested in knowing that new horticultural societies affiliated with the Fruit Growers' Association continue to be formed in many parts of the province. There were nine of these societies formed early in January of 1895, and we have reports of six more that will be formed in January, 1896, namely, Dunnville, Leamington, Windsor, Simcoe, Chatham and Hagersville. These societies, to a great extent, have been formed through the agency of Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, our Director for District No. 5, who has taken a great interest in thus extending the work of our Association.

Mr. Beall writes with regard to these societies as follows:—"The objects in view by those who are supporting me in organizing new horticultural societies are various, but the main object is to cultivate in the community a greater love for the science of horticulture in all its branches, and to do this mainly by inducing its members to expend its funds in holding meetings for discussion, and for hearing lectures on the theory and practice of improved horticulture; in promoting the circulation of horticultural periodicals, in distributing among its members new and valuable kinds or varieties of plants, shrubs, bulbs, seeds, etc., or in offering prizes for essays on questions of scientific inquiry relating to horticulture, but not for holding fairs or exhibitions as generally understood, because such fairs are generally so conducted that a large portion of the funds of the society is thereby expended in encouraging the growth or production of things that should be discouraged, and also because comparatively few of the subscribing members receive any direct benefit whatever from such fairs. Hence the unpleasant and tedious task devolving upon a few of the directors every year of collecting the annual subscriptions.

"By conducting the affairs of horticultural societies on the plan faintly indicated above, and which plan is practised by most of the new societies, every member receives an equal share of the advantages secured by the expenditure of its fund (excepting any small amount which may have been paid for essays), and, by pursuing this plan, the unpleasant task of dunning the old members, and of soliciting for new ones for their subscription fees for succeeding years becomes unnecessary, as the old members and many new ones do voluntarily call upon the treasurer, or at some appointed place, and pay their subscriptions, in most cases, before the new year commences."