

vous for the members of the Horticultural Society. He felt great satisfaction in the present state of the Society and had high hopes for the future. Already the action of Montreal in establishing a Botanic Garden had furnished a precedent to the rest of the continent. He believed that, at this session of Congress, a bill would be passed to establish a Botanic Garden in the United States. He then read a letter from the Botanic Garden Association recommending that Rev. Canon Norman and Hon. Louis Beaubien, the retiring directors, be reappointed.

It was then moved by Mr. Cheney, seconded by Alderman Holland, that the report of the Secretary be adopted, which was unanimously agreed to.

Prof. Penhallow took occasion to return thanks to the Local Government for having undertaken, free of charge, the publication of the annual reports of the Association which he believed would be a saving to the Society of about \$300 per year. On behalf of the library committee, he thanked Mr. Charles Gibb for his very generous donation of books to the library of the Society.

On motion of Prof. Penhallow, seconded by Mr. A. T. Drummond, Hon. Louis Beaubien and Rev. Canon Norman were elected to represent the Society at the Botanic Association Board.

A vote by ballot was then taken for a new Board of Directors, when the old Board was chosen by a large majority over all others.

Prof. Penhallow then referred to the celebration of Arbor Day which would occur in the Spring. He said that he thought the Society should give some expression for the guidance of the Directors. They should feel their responsibility in carrying out the proper celebration of the day. He had no doubt that the Provincial Government would be glad to have the cooperation of this Society in this respect.

Alderman Holland moved that a Committee be appointed by the Board of Management to communicate with the Government regarding the celebration of Arbor Day and the grant for that purpose. This was carried.

Mr. Shepherd moved, seconded by Mr. Brodie, that a special meeting be held during the winter, and that fruit-growers from adjoining counties should be invited to attend.

It was then moved by Mr. S. S. Bain, seconded by Mr. Brodie, that an Exhibition of Chrysanthemums be held in November next. Mr. Bain said he would give as a first prize for the 12 best varieties of flowers for the season of 1886 the sum of \$20. Dr. Hunt said he would give as a second prize \$10, and Mr. Phillips offered \$5 as a third prize.

Remarks were then made by several gentlemen as to the holding of a floral exhibition and the expense necessary in carrying them on.

The meeting then adjourned.

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