

crowds which were attending the London Old Boys' reunion, the local committee changed its plans and the trolley ride came in the morning instead of the afternoon. Luncheon was served at Springbank Park. The social feature was very much enjoyed by those present. R. W. Rennie, secretary of the London Horticultural Society, very ably acted as chairman at the banquet.


A short afternoon session was held at which a paper was read from Joseph Bennett, of Montreal, on what can be added to the present list of cut flowers to meet the demand of customers for something different. This brought up a lively discussion, but it was the general opinion that nothing of importance could be added to our present list that would be remunerative. W. Holt, of Hamilton, opened a discussion on the question of a uniform scale of prices in the plant trade and the subject was pretty thoroughly thrashed out, the conclusion arrived at being that the best man will always be at the top.

Hamilton was chosen as the next place of meeting.

President, Joseph Bennett, Montreal; 1st vice-president, C. Webster, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, G. Robinson, Montreal; secretary, A. H. Ewing, Berlin; treasurer, H. Simmers, Toronto; executive committee for three years, Walter Munston, Toronto, O. G. Johnson, Kingston, W. J. Lawrence, Mimico.

In connection with the trade exhibit, only two were staged, Gammage & Sons, showing a good collection of palms, araucarias, ferns, begonia Gloire de Lorraine and others. A. H. Ewing, of Berlin, staged some very fine Boston ferns. The flower show of the London Horticultural Society did not contain as many exhibits as last year, owing to the fact that sweet peas in this section of the country are almost over. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, a very creditable display was made, containing upwards of 1,000 vases of flowers.

OUR EXHIBIT AT THE INDUSTRIAL.

 THE results of our experimental work in pomology is beginning to show itself in the increasing value of this annual exhibit. We had about 800 plates of fruits, of nearly as many varieties, on exhibition, a large number of them quite new, and exhibited in Ontario for the first time. Mr. John Mitchell, our plum experimenter, showed about 50 varieties of plums, all alphabetically arranged, a great convenience, for exhibitors in correcting nomenclature frequently came bringing their plates for comparison of varieties. Among his Japan plums, were the "Gold", which, on account of its golden color and red cheek, was much admired.

The Gold was certainly most attractive by reason of its rich golden yellow color, with tinge of red. It is said to be a remark-

able keeper and shipper, and has been introduced with great encomiums by Messrs. Stark Bros., of Louisiana. Probably this is the first time this variety has fruited in Ontario.

Hale seems very productive; a tree $3\frac{1}{2}$ years planted bore $3\frac{1}{2}$ baskets of plums; ripe about end of August. An Abundance plum tree planted five years in clay soil, produced ten baskets of fruit.

On the whole Mr. Mitchell considers the Japans too low in quality to be of permanent value for the markets.

There were a large number of the Domestica class of plums, and among them a seedling which he called Drake's seedling, season 20th to 30th of August, of yellow flesh, and with skin colored dull red on sunny side. He