

to what may be the best shall be left with the Secretary-Treasurer by members when renewing their subscription for the next year. We understand that the Society purposes holding a number of meetings during the year; also, that a flower show will be held in the fall, which will be fully appreciated by all lovers of floral and horticulture. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President.*—F. WILEY.

*Vice-President.*—D. M. LEE.

*Secy.-Treasurer.*—C. H. ROBERTS.

*Directors.*—J. CARNIE, SEN., L. GERNDT, J. SKRA, A. W. ROUSELL, MRS. H. BICKLE AND MRS. A. MENNIE.

### PORT COLBORNE.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1896.

*President.*—E. O. BOYLE.

*1st Vice-President.*—L. G. CARTER.

*2nd* " W. W. KNISLEY.

*Secretary.*—D. W. MCKAY.

*Treasurer.*—A. E. AUGUSTINE.

*Directors.*—W. HOPKINS, MRS. A. K. SCHOOLFIELD, MRS. D. W. CARTER, MRS. J. STEELE, J. H. SMITH, F. HOSCKKE, REV. J. M. SMITH, D. W. MCKAY, A. E. AUGUSTINE.

### PORT HOPE.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1896.

*President.*—H. H. BURNHAM.

*Vice-President.*—WM. CRAIG.

*Secretary-Treasurer.*—A. W. PRINGLE.

*Directors.*—W. W. RENWICK, JOHN SMART, P. BROWN, S. WICKET, S. G. WATSON, T. J. TILLEY.

The first annual meeting of the Port Hope Horticultural Society was held in the Opera House, Port Hope, March 9th, 1896.

Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. H. H. Burnham, the chair was taken by Mr. William Craig.

DOCTOR PURSLOW, the first speaker of the evening, then read an interesting paper on "The Pillaging of our Gardens." The doctor said that if the Horticultural Society was to thrive, it must put this down. There were two kinds of depredations; the robbing of flowers, which was done mostly by young girls, and the robbing of fruit, by boys and young men. The remedies proposed were: Bringing it before the pupils in the schools; inserting articles against it in the local papers, and distributing leaflets against it. In case this did not succeed, the doctor thought the horticulturists should resort to the law. As this is seldom done individually, he suggested the horticulturists forming a committee called the "Garden Protective Association," to prosecute all offenders, and thus protect the members of the Society. If any difficulty was found in discovering the culprits, to engage the services of a professional detective, the expense to be borne by the Society. The doctor thought that if this were done, and a few examples made, the members would have no trouble in this direction.