

matter of city improvements was no longer considered a fad. It was a necessity. In that respect Hamilton was ahead of any other city on the continent. After hearing the remarks of visitors to the summer carnival he was satisfied on that point. The work of the City Improvement Society was doing much to advertise the city. Continuing, Mr. Steele referred to the fine condition of the grounds surrounding T. Upton & Co.'s factory. He hoped many other manufacturers would follow Mr. Upton's example in future years. The school surroundings and church surroundings had been improved during the last year, but in the latter case there was still room for improvement. Getting down to the civic matters, Mr. Steele said that the board of health was not given a fair chance by the aldermen. It was never given sufficient money to do its work properly. He criticised the aldermen for cutting down the board's grant this year so that the system of semi-weekly collection of garbage during the summer months had to be abolished. He was glad that the trees had been handed over to the care of the parks board. They were one of the city's most valuable assets and would now be properly cared for. Regarding the work of the police, he had no complaint to make about the officers, yet they did not give the society and board of health the support they should. The cause thereof was that there were loopholes in several of the by-laws. These should be plugged up. The society expected to get the Beckett drive fixed up and opened to the public very shortly. In conclusion, Mr. Steele said that he hoped that it would not be long before the city would have a by-law making it an offence to spit on the sidewalks. He then read a letter from Chairman Stewart, of the board of works, expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Secretary Galbreath was the next speaker. He explained the nature of the work

which the society undertook this year and gave credit to President Steele, Mrs. Sanford and F. B. Greening for assisting the society financially and otherwise, in making the competitions a success.

The presentation of prizes then began. Rev. Father Holden, superintendent of the separate schools, and James Chisholm, chairman of the Board of Education, presenting the prizes for attractive window boxes.

Father Holden said he was pleased with the work being accomplished by the society. He was particularly interested in the work among the school children. That he considered was a most important branch of the work, for the children of to-day would be men and women of a few years hence. As a result of the efforts of the children the grounds surrounding the separate schools had been made more beautiful this year than ever before.

Mr. Chisholm said it was a privilege for him to be present to represent the Board of Education. The board did not claim any credit for the success of the society's scheme. The board, previous to this year, had been dilatory, and was thankful to the society for calling its attention to the fact that the grounds surrounding the schools required some care. The society was doing a great work for the city, and personally, he wished it every success. It had made Hamilton one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The presentation of prizes donated by President Steele for corner rockeries came next, the presentation being made by Mrs. Steele, assisted by F. B. Greening.

Mr. Greening made a few remarks. He said the corner rockery competition was, in his opinion, among the most important of the society's competitions. The rockeries were useful, as well as ornamental, for they prevented careless people from cutting across the corners and thus destroying lawns. He hoped more corner rockeries would be built next year.