

### The May Meeting Was Interesting

At the regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Horticultural society, held in May, an exhibition of bedding plants was made, and Mr. Wm. Hunt, of the Ont. Agri. College, Guelph, gave a good, plain and instructive talk on garden work for the season, describing the proper method of making a lawn, the places for the flower beds, and the classes of flowers suitable for the various places. He emphasized the great advantage of growing perennials in some of the permanent borders, naming many he thought not suitable and perfectly hardy. Un-sightly walls, etc., he said, might be covered with climbing plants, and rockeries be made in corners. In these ways a small plot of ground may be made a place of beauty. Many questions were asked and answers given by Messrs. Hunt, Manton, J. McP. Ross, and others.

The officers of the society and a large number of members and visitors were present. The society will hold a pansy show the first Tuesday in June, and near the latter end of the month the annual show of roses will be held, it being the desire of the society to stimulate the growth of hardy roses. Exhibits from friends outside the city will be much appreciated. Mr. Chas. E. Chambers, Exhibition Park, is secretary.—(Edward Tyrrell, pres. Toronto Hort'l soc.)

### Holds Good Shows

The Kingston Horticultural society in the past has applied itself to practical as opposed to theoretical work. Instead of defraying the expenses of speakers it has joined, year after year, with the city agricultural society, and put on a splendid horticultural show as part of the annual fair. Their displays of flowers, etc., on these occasions have been highly praised by outsiders as well as by citizens. It is doubtful if finer displays could be found anywhere. Splendid money prizes have been given, and these have greatly encouraged and stimulated interest in local horticulture and floriculture.

In all probability the Horticultural society will hold a separate show this summer or fall, as there is little prospect of a fall fair. To make this a success the society will use its strongest endeavor.—(Leman A. Guild, sec-treas. Kingston Hort'l soc.)

### Have Interested the Children

The Newmarket Horticultural society has completed arrangements and prize lists for its fifth annual flower show, to be held in the skating rink at some date in July. A promenade band concert will be given in the evening. There will be a school children's sweet pea competition, open to the children of the public and separate schools, for which no entrance fee will be charged.

A packet of the best strain of mixed pea seed has been given to every pupil 9 years of age and over, attending the schools, who has applied for it and who has agreed to grow the flowers for this competition. Although the bulk of the prizes will be offered for exhibits of flowers,

there will also be exhibits of fruits and vegetables.

We find the interest in horticultural matters, as well as the number of our exhibits, increasing very materially each year. This spring we held a meeting, which was addressed by Mr. T. H. Race, of Mitchell, who gave us an interesting lecture.—(Wm. Keith, sec. Newmarket Hort'l soc.)

### Have Given the Children Flowers

I would like to hear through your pages the methods adopted by other societies in distributing premiums to members. It has been the custom in Hespeler to allow members to make a choice to the value of 60 cents of any kind of shade, ornamental or fruit trees, shrubs, flowers or bulbs, and also to make their choice of premiums offered by The Canadian Horticulturist, as well as to receive that paper. If any one will tell us of any better method I for one would be glad to hear it. Our aim is to give every member, as far as possible, just what he most needs.

Our society distributed 200 geraniums and coleus among the school children during the second week in May. The teachers detained the children they thought would be likely to take care of a plant, after school, and the principal, the Rev. C. W. Cook, and the writer, in a few words, explained to the children the plants were the gift of the Horticultural society and that those who received them were expected to take every care of them. In the fall an exhibition will be held of all the plants, when a number of prizes will be given for the best plants. A few simple directions were given as to the treatment the plants require, and the children filed out each receiving a plant. The children were pleased, and in many instances the parents have developed an interest, partly perhaps to please the children. These are the first flowers many of the little ones have ever been able to call their own, and I believe will help to develop a love for flowers and the beauties of nature.—(E. Gurney, sec. Hespeler Hort'l soc.)

### THE SAN JOSE SCALE IN ONTARIO

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Canada from California, and the quantity used has increased every year. The next most popular preventive is crude oil. This is used quite extensively in the Niagara peninsula, where 3,376 gallons were applied this year. In summer, when the scale is found on trees, crude or kerosene emulsion is used to prevent its spreading.

"In sections where the townships have appointed local inspectors, as they are required to do on the application of fifteen growers, good work seems to have been done to check the pest. With the information we now have in our possession there does not seem to be any grave danger of the disease spreading to any great extent."