

OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

WOODSTOCK.—The Exhibition which was held by the Woodstock Horticultural Society was a great success except in one respect, viz, there was not that support given in by the public which might fairly be expected; still in spite of this a fair amount was realized for the benefit of the funds of the Society. The exhibits, as may be seen by the accompanying photograph, were very tastefully arranged and reflected great credit on the committee in charge, but, as usual, the work devolved upon a few of the more enthusiastic members and a number of their lady friends to whose good taste must be attributed the more than usual beauty of the decorations. Only a comparatively small number of the plants were shown in the generally adopted formal manner on benches or tables, etc., the greater number being placed on the floor in the style of raised beds, all spaces between being filled in with ferns of larger growth and the edges made of the smaller growing varieties. For two of these beds the whole of the plants were contributed by Mr. Frank Harris (professional) and our secretary, Mr. James S. Scarff (amateur), and it is not saying too much in stating that the latter gentleman made the exhibit of the Show. The largest bed was composed principally of the tropical style of plants, mostly owned by Messrs. D.W. Karn, T. H. Parker, W. H. Van Ingen, F. Mitchell and Mrs. Jas. Hay. Among the other most noticeable exhibits were those of Mrs. McPherson, Mr. Frank Newton and Mrs. W. G. McKay, the latter lady making a most creditable exhibit of begonias. In the cut flower department the best contributions were the very beautiful collection of sweet peas of Mr. Sproat, and the gladioli from that hybridizer, Mr. H. H. Groff of Simcoe, and in the fruit department nice exhibits were made by Messrs. Croman and Grey. Taking it altogether the Society is to be congratulated on the success of their Show, which, without doubt, will do much to encourage that most delightful of all recreations, the practice of the art of floriculture.—W.

GRIMSBY, ONT., Horticultural Society's Floral Exhibit was held in the Town Hall on the 11th. The exhibit of chrysanthemums by Mr. A. E. Cole was excellent, containing a large number of varieties. Messrs. Webster, Bros., of Hamilton, showed ferns, begonias, orchids and a large collection of palms, besides asparagus sprengeri, ficus elastica, Araucaria, Selaginella and Japan Ivy. The members of the society showed many fine specimens of chrysanthemums, cacti, and other house plants. One great mistake was making it a free exhibition. The hall was overcrowded. It would be far better to have admission tickets, even if they were all complimentary, to be had from the member of the society. Otherwise there should be a small admission fee for all who were not members.

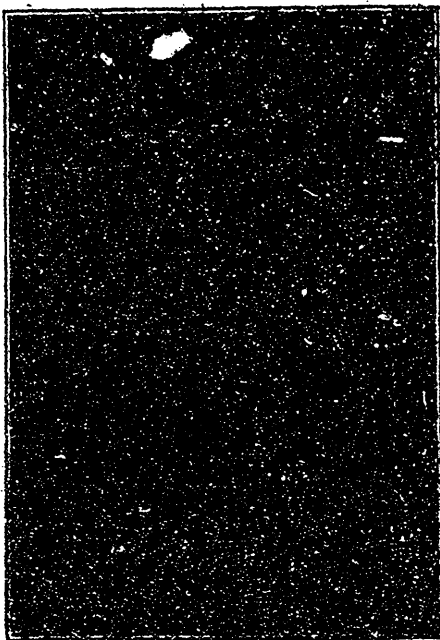


FIG. 1511.—JAMES LOCKIE, WATERLOO.

WATERLOO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—On the eleventh of November occurred the death of Mr. Jas. Lockie, late active president of the Waterloo Horticultural Society. He was a man who rose by his merit until he was appointed president of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and having a natural taste for gardening he built for himself a small greenhouse, which contained about one hundred varieties of cacti and many other flowers. Our members will remember how heartily he welcomed our society and Waterloo in December, 1897, and will deeply regret his loss.

PICTON.—Mr. Walter P. Ross, the secretary, writes:

"I have much pleasure in stating to you that our Horticultural Society, which is affiliated with your Association, has so far been very successful. I understand that several similar societies were started here some years ago, and only lasted a short time, so I think we should be well pleased. The HORTICULTURIST seems very welcome to our members, and the premiums sent out by your Association are also very much appreciated, as they certainly deserve to be."

HAMILTON.—Mr. Hirschmiller, of Hamilton, writes to correct name of W. Holt, which appeared as W. Hull in December number, p. 483. He says that his exhibit was so creditable that it was unfortunate to have his name wrongly entered.