

DOINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

overcrowding is greatest, because there is the greatest demand for space. Yet this is the very time when apples should be placed on the market in the best possible condition, for when fruit is cheap it goes to many parts of Great Britain not usually reached, and if the fruit is good, these new customers will buy again the following year, even though the price be considerably advanced.

Another point emphasized by Mr. Starr and others who spoke on this subject, was the importance of shipping each variety in its season. Do not hold back Gravensteins in the hope of getting higher prices, and then ship them when the market calls for Kings and Ribstons. The result is disastrous to all concerned.

Mr. Henry Shaw, of Waterville, gave an account of some very interesting results obtained by him in irrigating his orchard. He has irrigated for the past two seasons. In 1896, in common with those who did not irrigate, he had a full crop. In 1897, on trees thoroughly

irrigated the previous year, he had another full crop. Trees which had received a scant supply of water gave a half crop, while those which had received no water gave practically no fruit. The outlook for 1898 shows corresponding differences. The trees not irrigated, after a year's rest, promise a fair crop; but those which received some water promise a better crop, while those thoroughly watered (though they have borne two full crops in succession) now give promise of the largest crop of any trees in the orchard. These results are certainly important, as throwing some light on the vexed problem of how to produce annual crops of fruit.

Other important subjects discussed were: — "Spraying," "Cranberries," "Black-knot," "Pruning" and "Cold Storage."

The following officers were elected: — J. W. Bigelow, Wolfville, President; Peter Innes, Kentville, Vice-President; S. C. Parker, Berwick, Secretary; Geo. Munro, Wolfville, Treasurer.

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COBOURG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Cobourg Horticultural Society it was decided to continue in affiliation with the Fruit Grower's Association of Ontario, and to arrange for several lectures on fruit and flower life by eminent experts to be given this winter. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance of \$25 at the end of the year, after paying all expenses. We give the following extract from the secretary's excellent report for the year 1897: During 1897 the work of this society was devoted mainly to the introduction and distribution of choice varieties of plants, shrubs, bulbs and trees, for the decoration of home grounds—for garden propagation and orchard cultivation. Of these new varieties the largest quantities were distributed as follows: Fruit trees, 75; roses, 300; hydrangeas, 50; can-nas, 300; clematis, 100; gladioli, 5,000; hyacinths, etc., 500; lilacs, 25; lillies, 50; besides anemones, chrysanthemums, altheas, hibiscus, spireas, deutzias, syringas, golden elders, honeysuckles, ampelopsis, etc., in smaller quantities. Who can estimate the embellishing and beautifying effects produced by the successful culture of the foregoing

splendid varieties of fruit and flower in Cobourg? We regret that we are unable to give secretary Snelgrove's excellent report outlining the work and aim of the Horticultural Society in full, but join with him in hoping that the commendable work of beautifying home and town, which this society inaugurated so successfully in 1897, will be carried on even more systematically in 1898.—Cobourg World.

KINCARDINE.—At the annual meeting of this society in January the election of officers was carried by one motion, after which the annual meeting adjourned, and a meeting of the directors was at once convened, when on motion it was resolved that several ladies be appointed honorary directors of our society, when 14 were selected and the secretary instructed to notify same of their appointment. It was predicted that this addition to our directorate of the ladies insure our society a most successful exhibition of flower plants, etc., sometime during the year of 1898. It is to be hoped that the action of our Board in trying to secure a hearty co-operation of the