

The Horticulturist for 1907

THIS being the season when our readers and others are making up their reading lists for next year, we are going to take a little space in which to tell you of the many new features we are planning for THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. During 1907 every department of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST will be vastly improved. The 12 issues of the paper will far surpass any we have ever printed. Already a splendid list of special features have been secured that will be of unusual value to Canadians, and that will make the paper of great interest to fruit and vegetable growers, and to amateur flower growers, including members of horticultural societies.

A number of the best known horticultural authorities in Canada, both professional and amateur, have agreed to contribute articles, and series of articles, each of which will be worth to those interested our full price of subscription. The following are some of the good things we are preparing for our readers:

In our fruit department during the winter months will appear articles on "Pruning Tree and Bush Fruits," "Spraying for Scale and Other Orchard Pests," "The Selection of Varieties Best Suited to the Various Provinces," "The Care of the Vineyard," "The Markets of the West," and others of equal value. Next spring and summer some of the fruit articles that you may look for will be entitled: "Does it Pay to Thin Orchard Fruits," "The Principles and the Practice of Orchard Cultivation," "The Profits of Fruit Growing," "The Culture of the Apple," "Plums and How to Grow Them," "Marketing the Stone Fruits," "Picking, Packing and Selling Apples," and many timely articles on cultural directions. Besides these, accurate crop reports from all sections of Ontario and from the various provinces will be a leading feature of THE HORTICULTURIST for 1907.

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Our Lawn, Garden and Flower Department will be replete with valuable information for the amateur gardener. Each month will be published a page or two of seasonable reminders—50 pointers or more in one article. This feature alone is worth the price of subscription. There will be seen also articles on "The Care and Management of Lawns," "The Culture of Hardy Shrubs," "Landscape Gardening for Amateurs," "The Best Perennials and How to Grow Them," "A Garden of Old-Fashioned

Flowers," "All the Wild Flowers Worth Growing," "Flowers for the Million and for the Millionaire," "Native Ferns and their Culture in the Home Garden," "City Garden Troubles and What To Do," "Grow Vegetables at Home and Save Money," "Hardy Annuals for the Suburban Garden," "Fruit Trees Worth Growing on the Lawn," "The Real Thing in Home Decoration," "The Window Garden," "All the Tulips Worth Growing Inside and Out," "How to Have a Succession of Fruits in the City Garden," "How to Grow Many Plants from a Few," and a score of other topics that will please.

FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

The vegetable gardener will find special pages for him. Some of the subjects to be dealt with are: "Forcing Lettuce and Radish under Glass," "A Simple Experiment with Fertilizers: It Teaches Something," "Growing Greenhouse Tomatoes," "Onion Growing," "The Culture of Celery for Profit," "Melons and Melon Growing," "All the Garden Greens Worth Growing," "Growing Tomatoes for the Canning Factory," "Asparagus for Market," and numerous others. Each month, also, accurate and complete reports of vegetable crop conditions in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada will appear in our columns. Do not miss the opportunity to get such information.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION OFFERS

As our aim is to make THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST of special value to Canadians, and as we desire to make the paper a publication of which every Canadian can be proud, we hope to receive the support of every Canadian interested in fruit, vegetables or flowers. Not only should our readers renew their subscriptions, but they should introduce the paper to their friends. Here is our schedule of subscription rates. One full year's subscription, 50 cents; One new or renewal subscription for three years, \$1.20; Three new full year subscriptions, \$1.00; Two new and one renewal subscription for one year, \$1.00; or, send us two new full year subscriptions at 50 cents each and we will renew your subscription for a year free. A liberal commission is offered for new subscriptions at 50 cents each.

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The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Convention

THE second annual convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association was held in the City Hall, Toronto, Nov. 8-9. President F. F. Reeves, Humber Bay, occupied the chair in a dignified and business manner.

The meetings were well attended, and the papers and addresses received the greatest attention, and drew out considerable discussion, showing that the association is a live one, almost every member present taking part in the discussion. The address by Prof. R. Harcourt, O.A.C., Guelph, on "Fertilizers in Relation to Vegetable Growing," was so well appreciated, that a standing vote of thanks was tendered him.

Thursday morning's session was devoted to an address by the president, who congratulated the members on the growth of the association, and stated that the future looked very bright. Already there were branch associations at Toronto, St. Catharines, Brantford, Tecumseh, Kingston, Chatham, Sarnia and

Ottawa. Mr. Geo. A. Robertson, of St. Catharines, followed with an interesting paper on "Experiments with Tomatoes." He advocated careful selection of seed from year to year to increase the yield. Nitrogen would increase the crop, but at the expense of earliness. Mr. C. Gibbard, of Todmorden, followed with a paper on "Growing Tomatoes Under Glass." To make this profitable, he said that glass houses must be used for other purposes as well, such as lettuce, radishes, and so on. Tomatoes require careful and strict attention. Mr. Eugene Davis, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was not present to read his paper on "Lettuce Forcing and Bean Growing." It was a very pithy paper, and full of practical points.

At the afternoon session Professor Harcourt gave his address on "Fertilizers." He advocated the use of barnyard manure, aided by different chemical fertilizers for different crops. Potash and phosphoric acid for fruit, and nitrogen for leafy growth. Lime would check the acidity of some soils, which is due to the

acid-forming tendency of decaying vegetable matter. The reading of the prize essays occupied the rest of the afternoon.

At Friday morning's session, Mr. E. E. Adams of Leamington gave a paper on "Forcing Early Vegetables," *i.e.*, starting them under glass and transplanting to the open field. Mr. Adams makes this pay, and his paper demonstrated how to do it. "Onion Growing" was ably illustrated in the paper read by Mr. E. G. Malcolm, of Scotland, Ont., a most successful onion grower. Mr. T. Benstead, of Strathroy, told the association how he grows prize celery, and Mr. McInnes, of London, gave an address on "Storing Celery for Winter Use." This was followed by a paper on "Melon Growing" by W. G. Horne, of Clarkson, Ont. Mr. Horne advocates planting the seed in pieces of sod under glass. The meeting was closed by a short talk on other vegetables by Mr. A. McMeans, O.A.C., Guelph.

Among those who took a prominent part in the various discussions were W. W. Armstrong, Queenston; Robert Bushell, Kingston; A. McInnes, London; Geo. Syme, Jr., Carlton West; James Gibbard, Sr., Todmorden; Professor Macoun, Ottawa; Thos. Delworth, Weston; Robert Thompson and Geo. A. Robertson, St. Catharines; E. Purdy, Kingston; F. Shuter, Jos. Rush, Humber Bay; and George Nicholson, Orangeville.

Christmas Gifts for All

Have you some friend you would like to remember this Christmas by a practical but inexpensive gift? Something that would be of practical value to him, and that would keep. We have a splendid list of books which could be given as Christmas gifts to all your friends. Here are a few of them:

FOR THE FRUIT GROWER

"Fruit Harvesting, Storing, Marketing, etc.," F. A. Waugh, \$1.00. "The Grape Culturist," A. S. Fuller, \$1.50. "The Grape Grower's Guide," William Chorlton, 75 cents. "Peach Culture," James A. Fulton, \$1.00. "Practical Fruit Grower," S. T. Maynard, 50 cents.

FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

"The Beautiful Flower Garden," F. Schuyler Mathews, 40 cents. "The Chrysanthemum," Arthur Herrington, 50 cents. "Garden Making," L. H. Bailey, \$1.00. "Home Floriculture," E. E. Rexford, \$1.00. "Pictorial Practical Gardening," Walter P. Wright, 75 cents. "The Window Flower Garden," Julius Heinrich, 50 cents. "Your Plants," James Sheehan, 40 cents.

MARKET GARDENING

"Asparagus," F. H. Hexamer, 50 cents. "Cabbage, Cauliflower and Allied Vegetables," C. L. Allen, 50 cents. "Gardening for Profits," Peter Henderson, \$1.50. "Market Gardening and Farm Notes," Burnet Landreth, \$1.00. "Vegetables Under Glass," Henry A. Dreer, 25 cents.

OUR SPECIAL OFFER

We will give any of the above books to any of our subscribers who will send us one new subscription for each fifty cents on the price of the book. For example: "Garden Making," by L. H. Bailey, is sold for \$1.00 a copy. We will give a copy of the book free for two new subscriptions. If the price of the book were \$1.50, as in the case of "Gardening for Profits," by Peter Henderson, then we would send it free on receipt of three new subscriptions. For each 50 cents, or fraction thereof, in the value of the book, send one new subscription.

This is a good way in which to secure a library on any horticultural subject. Besides the books we have named above, we have a large number of others. Our catalog will be mailed free to all who are interested.

The Missouri State Hort'l Soc. will hold its annual meeting on Dec. 4, 5, 6 at Boonville, Mo.