

SOCIETY NOTES

We invite the officers of Horticultural Societies to send in short, pithy reports of work that would interest members of other Horticultural Societies.

Good Work by Societies

Some very attractive option lists are being distributed this year by a number of the horticultural societies in Ontario. The list sent out by the St. Catharines Horticultural Society is a remarkable one. There are fifty-four options. The complete option list was published in the Daily Standard of St. Catharines, and occupied, with additional information about the work of the society, over five columns. The membership of the society last year was six hundred and seventy-five, the second largest in its history.

The society will hold a rose show this year as usual, and will continue the gratuitous distribution of aster seeds to the pupils of the schools who desire to accept them. Last year the society supplied a quartette of gladioli bulbs at the normal price of five cents per set, although it cost the society nearly three times that amount, to nearly one thousand pupils. There is not an option among the fifty-four offered by the society which would cost from one dollar twenty-five cents or two dollars if bought in the ordinary retail manner.

BARRIE SOCIETY IS GROWING

The Barrie Horticultural Society is offering ten options this year. During the past five years the membership of the society has increased from sixty-three in 1907 to two hundred and seventy in 1911. This year a membership of four hundred is aimed at. Prizes are to be awarded as usual for window boxes, flower beds, lawns and boulevards. The annual flower show will be held in the Town Hall in August or September. Last year the society paid about twenty per cent more than the town grant in prizes for lawns, boulevards, window boxes and flower beds, and returned to the members in premiums more than the value of their fees, besides giving generous prizes at the flower show.

ACTIVITY IN TORONTO

The High Park District Ratepayers' Association of Toronto, which this year is affiliated with the Weston Horticultural Society, has decided to donate prizes this year consisting of trophies, shields and medals, for the best kept lawns and gardens, and for the best specimens of flowers and flower gardens. The district has been divided into sub-divisions, and separate prizes will be offered in each sub-division. The districts comprise a territory of four square miles.

MONTREAL SOCIETY

During February and March the proprietors of a number of the finest conservatories in Montreal opened their conservatories to the members of the Montreal Horticultural Society and their friends on certain days and dates, a list of which was sent to all the members. Among the conservatories thus opened were those of Sir Wm. Van Horne, Hon. Senator Mackay, R. B. Angus, Esq.; Chas. B. Gordon, Esq.; Sir Montague Allen, Lt.-Col. Frank S. Meighen and a number of others.

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