

been appointed Dr. Robb's successor as Secretary of the Board, and from the correspondence which we have had with him since his appointment, we have good reason for believing that he will do his part in sustaining efficiently the important interests entrusted to his care. We have to thank Mr. Stevens for a copy of the "First Annual Report of the Board of Agriculture of the Province of New Brunswick," in which we find some very able and interesting articles, some of them from the pen of the late Dr. Robb; and also a copy of the prize list of the Provincial Exhibition of New Brunswick, to be held at Sussex Vale on October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th next.

TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have lying before us the Report of the Directors of this important Society for 1860; a few extracts from which cannot fail to be interesting to many of our readers. The Exhibitions of the Society were more than usually successful, and the land, the munificent gift of the President, the Hon. G. W. Allan, has already been converted, under the able superintendence of Mr. E. Taylor, landscape gardener, of this city, into a beautiful and tastefully arranged garden, highly creditable to the Society, and a great ornament to the city. It is to be regretted that, mainly owing to the unpropitious state of the weather, during the formal opening of the Garden by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the receipts fell much short of the expenditure, and left the Society considerably in debt. Some extra effort it is hoped will soon be made for relieving the Society from this incumbrance.

The Report says:—

"The season of 1860 has been an eventful one in the history of your Society. It has witnessed the accomplishment of an undertaking which has not only engaged the earnest attention of the Directors during the past two years, but has excited much interest among all the members of the association.

"Despite the many difficulties and discouragements, the works commenced in 1859 in the grounds presented to the Society by the President, have been successfully completed, and on Tuesday, the 11th of September last, the Directors had the satisfaction of seeing their gardens opened for the first time for the admission of the public, and of holding in them, in conjunction with the Electoral Division Society, a grand united exhibition of flowers, fruits and vegetables.

"This auspicious event, so full of interest to the Society, was rendered doubly gratifying by the opportunity which was then afforded to its members of joining in their corporate capacity with other bodies on the occasion of the late visit of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in testifying their respect and affection to the heir of the British Crown, and their loyalty and devotion to his Royal Mother.

During his stay in this city, his Royal Highness was graciously pleased to accede to the request of the society to be present at the opening of the gardens, and he accordingly conferred the distinguished honour on our body, of inaugurating the proceedings of the day by receiving and answering an address presented to him by the President and Directors on behalf of the society, and leaving at the same time a lasting memorial of his visit by planting a Canadian Maple in front of one of the principal walks of the garden.

The season of 1860 has also been remarkable as one of extraordinary productiveness. Not only have the labours of the husbandman been blessed by a kind Providence with the most plentiful returns, but the garden and the orchard have rivalled the farm in the abundance and excellence of their respective productions.

Tuesday, the 11th of September, was the day fixed upon for the public inauguration of the Garden by the Prince, and the Directors have done everything in their power to make the arrangements worthy of the august occasion. Nothing indeed seemed wanting but the sun's cheering rays, so essential to the perfection of horticultural fete.

The following is the address presented to the Prince on that ever memorable occasion:—

To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

We, the Directors of the Toronto Horticultural Society, desire, on behalf of the Association to express our grateful sense of the high honor conferred on the Society by the visit of your Royal Highness to our gardens.

In prosecuting the work of laying out the grounds, now for the first time to be opened to the public, the Society have been actuated by desire to promote the interests of Horticulture and at the same time to prove a new source of healthful recreation, and rational enjoyment to their fellow citizens.

The encouragement which has always been accorded to undertakings of a similar nature: our fatherland, both by Her Majesty and the Prince Consort, have emboldened us to hope for the countenance and favor of your Royal Highness upon the present occasion, and we now, on behalf of the Horticultural Society, most respectfully request that your Royal Highness will graciously be pleased to inaugurate these gardens and at the same time to leave a lasting memorial of your visit, by placing in our grounds a Cal.