

the Clyde. My best commercial berries this year were Bederwood and Warfield for early, followed in season by Clyde, Crescent, Haverland, Wm. Belt, Enormous, Ten. Prolific and Greenville. The last named is one of my family. I have added a lot of new varieties this year, and hope to be able to give you a detailed report of their behavior next year.

Now to return to the Clyde Strawberry. If it were a good plant maker and I were restricted to one variety, I should plant it alone. But with me it has been a poor plant maker and the first two years it was very good color, but this year it was all that could be wished.—Respectfully yours,

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## Our Affiliated Societies.

WOODSTOCK.—The fourth annual exhibition of the Woodstock Horticultural Society was auspiciously opened at the Graham street ring last night, August 22. Although the attendance was not as large as the society expected, the prospects are better for a good crowd to-night.

The dingy old rink looked anything but itself, thanks to the efforts of the decorating committee, composed of Miss Parker and Mrs. James Hay. Bunting of various colors, Chinese lanterns and a profusion of flags and curtains tastily arranged gave the place a decidedly pretty appearance, and the general effect was a source of much admiration. The exhibits, too, were far superior to those of other years, and the society is to be congratulated on its showing in this respect. Every branch of horticulture was fully and creditably represented. The musical programme was also a most important and enjoyable feature of the evening. The Imperial Quartette rendered three enjoyable selections, and Madame Hausch's popular stringed quartette was also heard to good advantage. Mrs. Balmer Watt sang the Gypsy Love Song from "The Fortune Teller," by request. Mrs. Watt's number was very much appreciated. Miss Clara Farrell sang a pretty solo and was obliged to respond to a hearty encore. The Misses Holmes and Nesbitt gave well rendered piano solos.

Mayor Scarff's splendid floral collection, consisting of one hundred and seventy-eight pots of flowers of various kinds, was greatly admired, and nobody disputed the fact that the Mayor's was the best exhibit of its kind at the show.

Charles Reid's and J. H. Callander's collections of cacti were the centre of much attention, and admirers of these plants found many new and strange varieties.

D. W. Karn's exhibit of house and foliage plants occupied a prominent position and compared very favorably with those of any other exhibitor.

T. H. Parker showed a wealth of beautiful hardy house plants and cut flowers.—*Sentinel Review*.

PICTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The second annual flower show and exhibition of plants was held at the Crystal Palace on Friday evening, the 31st August, and was kept open on Saturday afternoon and evening, and also on Monday afternoon during the Firemen's games and sports.

On Friday evening the attendance was fairly good, there being about 275 present to enjoy the

flowers and listen to the concert by the band; on the other occasion the patronage was very small, and on the whole the flowers were not appreciated as heartily as last year.

The contributions of Mr. C. S. Wilson and Messrs. J. Terrill & Son added greatly to the beauty and success of the exhibition. Mr. W. P. Despard's palm was greatly admired, and the Norfolk pines and palms in Mr. Geo. O. Alcorn's collection were a very valuable addition; also Mrs. Stortz's magnificent hydrangea, and Mr. Geo. Williams' fuschia. The collection of plants and flowers from Messrs. J. Roland Brown, J. P. Blakely, T. Bog, J. C. North, Geo. W. McMullen and a number of others were very beautiful.

The tropical plants of Mr. Walter T. Ross were as usual of much interest. His fig trees were well laden with fruit, and the Papaya tree, or Papaw, was looked upon with much curiosity. It is a common practice in the tropics to cut meat in slices and wrap it in the bruised leaves of this tree for half an hour or so, which has the effect of making tough meat tender.

Great credit is due to the president, Mr. J. Roland Brown, and Mrs. Brown, for their untiring efforts, and they were ably assisted by others.

We understand the receipts were not as large as last year, but the exhibition in itself was a great success, even finer than the previous one, and a great many strangers who attended expressed their surprise that a town the size of Picton could make such a varied and fine exhibition of well grown plants and flowers.—*The Picton Gazette*.

GUELPH.—God made the flowers, and that He made them for man's delight and profit need only be proved by a visit to the City on Sept. 12th. The place is a reasonably beautiful hall, as city halls go, but last night the corridors and auditorium were transformed, and one walked about in a perfect bower of loveliness. The flowers and plants, placed to best advantage to show their beauties by admiring owners, had worked the transformation, and when the orchestra played sweet music, and the big crowd came and admired, the directors and members of the Horticultural Society felt well repaid for their efforts and realized that the show was a big success.

The Guelph Horticultural Society, as at present constituted, is an association of about a year's standing, and its strength of membership already attained was shown by last night's display. Most