

CANADIAN FLORISTS IN ANNUAL SESSION

THE seventh annual convention of the Canadian Horticultural Association, held in Ottawa, August 9, 10 and 11, brought together a jolly and intelligent body of Canada's leading florists, who managed to spend a most enjoyable and profitable three days. Florists were present from all parts of Ontario and various points in Quebec, while one or two of the more distant provinces were also represented. The convention, in almost every way, was the most successful in the history of the association, as the attendance was representative, the exhibits the most numerous on record, the discussions full of valuable information, and the interest manifest. The great growth in the membership of the association during the last four years was a matter of general congratulation.

THE NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, George A. Robinson, Outremont, Que.; first vice-president, W. Suckling, Truro, N. S.; second vice-president, O. J. Johnson, Kingston, Ont.; treasurer, H. Simmers, Toronto, re-elected; secretary, A. H. Ewing, of Woodstock, Ont., re-elected; executive committee, A. Pinateau, Montreal; J. Walsh, Montreal, and A. Annandale, Toronto.

One of the most important features of the gathering was a discussion on the advisability of petitioning the Dominion Government for a removal of the duty on azaleas and other plants. The matter was referred to in the president's address, and later a committee was appointed to consider the subject. On the presentation of the report of this committee a lengthy discussion on the subject was held, which resulted in the adoption of the following motion: "Whereas, at the last meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Association a resolution was passed asking the government to make certain changes in the existing fiscal tariff; and whereas, the Minister of Finance has

stated that there will probably be a general revision of the tariff next year, and has invited an expression of opinion from parties interested, it would therefore appear advisable that this association should give some general expression of opinion upon the subject, and it is therefore resolved that it would be in the interests of the trade and in harmony with the general policy of the country that all articles that can be profitably grown in Canada should be protected by a tariff of not less than 25 per cent., with a reduction of one-third upon importations from Great Britain; that among such articles as can be profitably grown in Canada are palms, ferns, rubber plants, gladiolus, cannas, dahlias and peonies. We also recommend that azalea plants or cuttings of new varieties of plants imported for propagating purposes be admitted free." Carried.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

All the speakers who appeared on the program were present, and their addresses and papers were all of unusual interest. Those who took part were: Mr. W. T. Macoun, horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who gave a most interesting and valuable paper on Hardy Perennials Desirable for Florists. This lecture was illustrated by a large display of flowers, a portion of which are shown in the cut used in this issue of *The Horticulturist*. The Florists Trade, from a retail standpoint, was handled quite ably by Mr. A. C. Wilshire, of Montreal, and Holiday Plants by Mr. William Gammage, of London. Wednesday evening Mr. William Findlay, of Brampton, spoke on *The Best Way to Grow Violets*. One of the best discussions of the convention took place over the question, *The Most Satisfactory Fuel for Heating Greenhouses*, it being introduced by Mr. C. Scrim, of Ottawa. The question box proved of general interest. Among the subjects dealt with were. What advantage has iron construction of greenhouses over the ordinary