

What the Florists Did

A pleasant and profitable time was spent by the members of the Canadian Horticultural Association at their eighth annual convention, held in Montreal August 8, 9, 10 and 11. The business of the convention was transacted during the first two days, the last two being devoted to visiting leading gardens and points of interest in and around Montreal. In his annual address the president, Mr. Geo. Robinson, of Montreal, reported that the past year had been an encouraging one for professional florists as the demand for flowers had shown an increase.

The principal papers and addresses presented included an illustrated lecture on "Park Design" by Mr. Frederick D. Todd, landscape architect, of Montreal; an essay on "How to keep a greenhouse attractive in winter," by Mr. Thos. McHugh, of Dorval; essay, "How to keep grounds attractive in summer," by Mr. R. Burrows, of St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., published in this issue; a review of roses and carnations, by Mr. Wm. Gammage, of London, and an essay on violets by Mr. F. L. Girdwood, of Montreal.


Guelph was selected as the place for holding the next convention. The following officers were elected for 1906: President, Mr. Wm. Fendley, Brampton; 1st vice-president, Mr. Wm. Hunt, O. A. C., Guelph; 2nd vice-president, Mr. John Walsh, Montreal; treasurer, Mr. Herman Simmers, Toronto; secretary, Mr. A. H. Ewing, Woodstock; executive committee, Messrs. J. Suckling, Truro, N. S.; J. Eddy, Montreal; J. Campbell, Simcoe. It has been decided since

the convention to start a new florist paper, the first copy of which will appear the first of this month.


Guelph Society Pushing Matters

This year 900 packets of aster seed were distributed by the Guelph Horticultural Society and a revised bulletin given with each packet. The children are greatly interested in the growing of these, and a love of flower culture that might have lain dormant is being brought into active life. Last spring several of our interested citizens donated shade trees, over 50 elms, oaks, maples, catalpas, etc. The society looked after the planting of them around the schools and churches and in the parks and streets. In order to prevent the havoc to the trees so often perpetrated, the society is endeavoring to look after those on public property. Our society also provided window boxes for the postoffice and city hall. The sight of large well filled boxes of green and bloom on the gray substantial stone buildings is most effective.

Monthly meetings have been very practical, usually taking the form of an informal discussion led by some member of the society. A deputation from the horticultural society waited on the members of the city council and the board of trade and asked their assistance in a campaign of civic improvement. To set the ball rolling a joint meeting under the auspices of the council, board of trade and horticultural society was held, when Mr. A. K. Goodman, Cayuga, gave an instructive address on civic

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