

QUESTION DRAWER.

the formation of new Horticultural Societies. Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, one of our directors, is to be sent out by our Association to assist in forming local Societies, wherever his services are required

MONTHLY MEETINGS of our Affiliated Societies should begin at once and be continued throughout the winter. One paper read and fully discussed, a few flowers on the table for comparison and a little music, will make a delightful evening. The Hamilton Society meets the first Monday evening in each month.

ROSES, CHOICE OF VARIETIES AND WINTER CARE, is the subject of an interesting article by Mr. J. C. Jackson, acting Secretary of the Port Hope Horticultural Society, which will appear in our November number.

THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET seems to be a good one for fancy colored varieties, which are quoted at \$7 a barrel. Ordinary stock would not be worth the freight.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION will be held in Whitby, Ont., Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th of December, "The Commerce in Large Fruits," will be the subject of Prof. J. W. Robertson's address, and "Beautifying Country Homes," will be treated by Prof. Hutt. The best talent in the country will be present and the programme will be spicy. Everybody welcome. Copies of the programme, which is now being prepared, may be had on application to the Secretary, L. WOOLVERTON, Grimsby, Ont.

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Canadian Apple Barrel.

1117. SIR,—Would you please give us through the Journal the size of the legal Canadian apple barrel?

A SUBSCRIBER.

The following is taken from an advance copy of the amendment to the Weights and Measures Act, which has since become law.

2. On and after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred, section 18 of the *The Weights and Measures Act* shall be repealed and the following shall be substituted therefor:—

18. All apples packed in Canada for sale by the barrel shall be packed either in cylindrical veneer barrels having an inside diameter of eighteen inches and one-third, and twenty-seven inches from head to head inside measure, or in good and strong barrels of seasoned wood twenty-seven inches between the heads, inside measure, and having a head diameter of seventeen inches and a middle diameter of nineteen inches, and such last-named barrels shall be sufficiently hooped, with a lining hoop within the chimes, the whole well secured with nails

"2. Every person who offers or exposes for sale, or who packs for exportation, apples by the barrel, otherwise than in accordance

with the foregoing provisions of this section, shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five cents for each barrel of apples so offered or exposed for sale or packed"

Cutting Back the Clematis.

1118. SIR,—Should Clematis Jackmanni be cut back to root, that is each season's growth taken off, so that the next year's growth will be entirely new?

W. S. G. WALKERTON.

The treatment should vary with different varieties of clematis. Some varieties die back sufficiently, as for example, those of the Lanuginosa type: but with a strong grower like Jackmanni it is quite safe to remove the whole top and cause the growth to break forth fresh from the crown. If, however, even this variety is needed to cover some bare trellis pole, or old tree trunk, time in spring is lost by cutting back, for it cannot so clothe the bare wood with verdure.