

At each of these, valuable information has been given. The acreage is still increasing, more particularly in the direction of smaller fruits. We believe, however, that the conditions affecting our business demand for the future *intensive* rather than *extensive* fruit culture, that we should take better care of the trees we already have rather than plant out more, and thus improve the quality and quantity per acre.

In common with the rest of the Province we had a very heavy crop of apples. Most of our members packed their own apples and sent them to the Old Country. Early in the season the twig blight did some damage to such apples as the Holland Pippin, the Ribston, the Pewaukee, Gravenstein and Snow. Pear blight too, did a good deal of mischief. Fungous diseases cut little if any figure here last season. Apples were clean, and grapes were without mildew. Of insects the Codling moth did the most damage.

During the year papers or addresses were given by Messrs. O. T. Springer on "Apples"; W. F. W. Fisher, on "Currants"; the Secretary, on "Horticultural Education"; and Mr. Beadle, of Toronto, on "Insect and Fungus Pests."

DURHAM.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.—*President*, Christopher Firth; *1st Vice-President*, G. McKech-nie; *2nd Vice-President*, Robt. McFarlane; *Secretary*, Wm. Gorsline; *Directors*, D. Jackson, Henry Parker, N. H. Campbell, Thos. Brown, Dr. James Gun, Jas. Birt, C. L. Grant, Geo. Bennie, John H. Kilmer, John Kelly.

GRIMSBY.

The annual meeting was held on the date fixed by law, and the following officers elected: *President*, Mrs. E. J. Palmer; *Vice-President*, L. Woolverton; *Second Vice-President*, Mrs. A. Pettit; *Secretary-Treasurer*, E. H. Reid; *Directors*, Mesdames D. V. Lucas, H. Smith, J. W. G. Nelles, and Messrs. A. Terryberry, W. Gibson, C. W. Van-Duzer, John Grout, A. Pettit, E. H. Reid,

It was resolved to make a distribution of potted chrysanthemums in early summer, and have a chrysanthemum show in November.

At the spring meeting, in 1896, the following paper was read:

HINTS ON THE CULTIVATION OF THE CANNA, TUBEROUS BEGONIA, SWEET PEA, AND CHRYSANTHEMUM.

BY L. WOOLVERTON.

CANNA.—I do not think cannas have yet been grown very much about Grimsby, and yet they are one of the best plants for the lawn. Massed in the rear of the pleasure ground, their tropical appearance and stately habit of growth, with their tall spikes of fiery bloom, they have a very fine effect. I am glad our Society is being the means of introducing this excellent plant into more general cultivation, and, as a result of the little packages being distributed to-night, I hope to see many lawns and gardens in Grimsby made attractive with magnificent beds of cannas.

Cannas are easy of cultivation. The great points to be observed are rich soil, moisture and sunlight. Like the dahlia, they need to be started early in March or April in the house or in a hot-bed, and then when all danger from frost is over, they may be planted out in the open ground. Plant in rich soil, working in plenty of manure first. Be sure there is no shade, and keep the soil well stirred up. If the season is dry, give a liberal quantity of water in the evening, and you will be rewarded with a brilliant show of bloom.

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