

## DISTRICT REPORTS.

The following reports were handed in after the reading of the President's address, and ordered to be printed in the Transactions of the Association :—

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT NO. 1.

As requested by the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, I beg to hand in the following report :—

*Flowers.*—I am happy to say there is in our District an interest and taste for garden ornamentation, which goes on increasing. When I took up my residence in these parts, anything worthy of the name of a flower garden was a curiosity; now most houses have their flower plot—not a few of them that desirable little enclosure worthy of the name of garden. In addition to the old flowers (many of which, by-the-by, excelled in beauty the new kinds) we have geraniums, fuschias, petunias, zinnias, stocks, gladiolus, coxcombs, asters, balsams, verbenas, antirrhinums, etc., in endless variety. I had almost omitted the Drummond phlox, of which the man is said to have lived and said, "Let me have but one flower in the garden, it will be the Drummond phlox." But the list is only commenced. Add to it at least one hundred kinds more, the best picked from the best catalogues, and you will have some idea of the kinds cultivated in these cold regions. So much for flowers.

As for *Vegetables*, with very few exceptions every seed recommended in the Montreal and Toronto catalogues will grow and succeed here. Many of our farmers, to be sure, content themselves with a limited assortment of the more useful kinds, but in many gardens specimens are to be found of nearly all. For new kinds introduced lately, I must refer to a special list I am requested to send to Mr. McD. Allan, Chairman of Committee, to which I dare say he will give publicity.

In the matter of *Apples*, a report of kinds grown in our neighbourhood will also be found in Mr. Thos. Beall's returns, from particulars furnished by myself and others.

The following *small fruits* are commonly cultivated and succeed well here :—Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants of different varieties. Gooseberries are grown, but not successfully, mildew being the chief drawback. Perhaps I am tempted to speak disparagingly of this fruit, having seen specimens in Auld Scotia, a month ago, thriving as I had never seen them do before. In a garden I visited near Glasgow, the bushes (I should rather say trees) were loaded to such an extent that my veracity would be questioned were I to venture an estimate of the quantity on each bush; but let me say that the man's teeth that didn't water at the sight of them needed readjustment. I asked my friend, the owner, how old these bushes were. He was an honest man (a minister, too); he assured me to his certain knowledge they were thirty years old at least.

Out-door *Grape Vines* do well with us, but require to be laid down and covered in winter. I am cultivating about twenty varieties. The hardiest varieties I have tried are the Delaware, Hartford Prolific, Burnet and Creveling.

I have trespassed long enough on the readers' time and patience, and crave their indulgence for omissions.

JOHN CROIL.

Aultsville, 14th September, 1881.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT NO. 2.

*Strawberries* have been a fair average crop, but have not yet been raised in sufficient quantities to supply the local markets, especially for Ottawa City. Owing to the duty of two cents per quart imposed by the Government, at the instigation of the Fruit Growers' Association, nearly all the berries brought here from a distance were raised in Canada. Prices ruled from ten to twelve and a-half cents per basket retail, extra lots fifteen cents. It is believed too much barn-yard manure is used in raising this fruit by the local gardeners here, which has the effect of making the top soil porous and dry. Thoroughly rotted sod, after a crop of potatoes, is probably the best preparation for setting the

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