

Following is the

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

Your Directors, in making their first Annual Report, have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the success of the Society. From its inception it has been well received and seems to be steadily growing in public favor.

We have had a membership of seventy, each of whom received *The Canadian Horticulturist* and bound report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and a share of the plant distribution connected, twenty Gladioli bulbs, one Canna and two tuberous rooted Begonias; besides, the Society made a gift to the town of a circular flower bed in the public park, containing 175 Dwarf Cannas with a border two feet wide of Phlox Drummondii, which was much appreciated by the public, and we trust the Park Commissioners will continue the work thus begun and cause several flower plots and ornamental trees and shrubs to be planted in the different parks in future.

The year 1895 was unfavorable for horticulture in many respects. The frosts of May almost completely destroyed the small fruit crop of this section and cut back early vegetables and flowers. The weather during the season was very irregular and uncertain, alternating from the extreme heat to cool, even cold, weather, with frost every month.

Your Society has held a number of meetings open to the public, where papers on horticultural subjects have been read and discussed with increasing interest, and we trust our successors will continue such meetings in future and that the attendance may increase, as apart from the benefits to be derived from an interchange of ideas on horticultural topics, they also cultivate the social qualities and make better neighbors and citizens.

The Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, with which this Society is affiliated, hold their annual meetings in different places each year in order to increase the interest in fruit growing in different localities. Your Directors made an effort to get it here next winter, but having been held in the western section for some years it was decided to hold the next in Kingston, but we are promised it in the near future, and we trust our successors in office will succeed in getting this meeting at Waterloo in 1897.

The Secretary-Treasurer's and Auditors' reports are before you by which you will see the Society is in a good financial position, the funds having been husbanded with care, and by the circular just issued you will see the advantages to members for this year are much greater than last, so that we look with confidence to the increasing influence of this Society and expect it to be one of the most beneficial and permanent institutions of our thriving town.

By order of the Board.

JAS. LOCKIE,
President.

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