

tion of finances, and we hope they may receive much encouragement. Besides this committee, the whole province was divided into five districts, with a member of the executive board representing each, who would be expected to do pioneer work in the meantime until the appointment of a regular field secretary. The following are the divisions:

Western district, represented by G. R. Patullo, Woodstock.

Niagara district, represented by Mr. R. Tasker Steele, Hamilton.

Toronto district, represented by Major Ellis, Toronto.

Midland district, represented by J. D. Hayden, Cobourg.

Eastern district, represented by Major Smallfield, Renfrew.

THE ORGAN OF CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

The Board had under consideration the best means of publishing the proceedings and its literature, and it was unanimously agreed that the Canadian Horticulturist be made the organ of the League for Canada. Already much space has been given to this kind of work in this journal, and now it is proposed to make it a special feature, because the improvement of our homes, the beautifying of our cities, towns and villages, and attention to sanitary conditions, these subjects interest everybody.

Further, it is proposed to issue bulletins that can be distributed very freely and published in the various newspapers, the first to be written by the secretary, the second by Mr. G. R. Patullo, and the third by Mr. L. Woolverton.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS IN PARK MAKING.

On every side we hear news of advance along the lines of park making. In Chicago the Lincoln Park commissioners are preparing to spend from two to four millions of dollars on extensions and improvements; and

the South Park commissioners are securing legislation to increase their powers and to improve their opportunities from Jackson Park almost to the mouth of the Chicago river. A boulevard to connect the north and south park systems, to cross the river by a commodious subway, is also under consideration. In Ontario we find Toronto and Hamilton both seeking to lay aside large areas of land in reserve for city parks, and soon we doubt not they will have plans prepared for an extensive and beautiful park system. Even the smaller towns, such as Brantford, Brampton and Walkerton, are securing land now to be made into parks as soon as public opinion warrants the expenditure.

ARBOR DAY.

Has not been kept in the schools in the manner that its importance deserves. Too often the only observance is a half-day tidying up the yard; and, even if it go so far as the planting of a few trees, the teachers do not sufficiently realize the higher end in view, that of directing the attention of the children upon outdoor beauty, and of teaching them how to use nature's material in improving the immediate surroundings of their homes and school houses.

RAILROAD PARKS.

Much of the work so far executed along the lines of our Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific roads belong to the geometrical rather than to landscape gardening. While the lawns are pretty and well kept, the beds well planted and pretty, not the slightest effort has yet been made in any case that we have noticed toward unity of design or the making of the whole to harmonize into a picture. No attempt has been made to hide ugly views by appropriate grouping of trees, nor to add picturesqueness to the lawns by carefully disposed clumps of choice shrub-