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IN THE MONTH OF 'MUMS.

OVEMBER, the dreariest month of the year, is, by way of compensation, brightened by the glow of the flower of Japan. Chrysanthemums, golden, white and russet, make the month an autumn flower show and incidentally give the foot-ball hero a suggestion for coiffure. The chrysanthemum, with its wholesome earthy odour and ragged petals, is one of the hardier children of the soil and flourishes bravely where the frailer blooms would die. In Canada, during the last ten years, there has been a wonderful increase in chrysanthemum culture, while that flower of autumnal splendour has grown to startling circumference. At the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition there was a brilliant display of all hues and sorts, from the yellow and white globes which look like "snowballs" which have strayed from the shrubs of May, to the spreading jagged petals of the largest purple blooms. One hardly realises the extent of the chrysanthemum's popularity until one sees a cellarful of these splendid flowers ready to be packed and sent all over the Dominion from the central green-houses. The "President Roosevelt" is one of the most impressive blooms in chrysanthemum land and, in keeping with its distinguished name, makes an extensive and gorgeous display. We must begin to have Canadian names for some homebred varieties:—a brilliant and bounteous golden flower might properly be called "Sir Wilfrid Laurier," a splendid pink production would blushingly own "Sir Frederick Borden," while a soft bunch of snowy-white, shining in Ontario's conservatories, might be named "Sir James Whitney." It is a suggestion cheerfully made to Canadian fanciers of the chrysanthemum, who have become an army, during the years in which this oriental bloom has been developing its modern magnificence.



In the Month of 'Mums.—The President Roosevelt Chrysanthemum, PHOTOGRAPH BY COURTESY OF MR. T. W DUGGAN, DALE ESTATE, BRAMPTON

### A CURIOUS CLUB.

A CORRESPONDENT has sent in a letter complaining indignantly about the Toronto Women's Canadian Club. I sympathise entirely with her protest against this club's inertness. On Monday, November 16th, the members of this organisation actually had their first experience of a genuine address, although the club was formed and officers were elected when the daffodils were blooming last spring. Just after the organisation, Mrs. Humphry Ward came to Toronto town and the members, in the simplicity and gladness of their hearts, believed that they would be given an opportunity to hear and meet the distinguished English writer. Not so—although there was a luncheon given by the President of the Toronto Women's Canadian Club. The members heard of that from afar—and wondered. Then, a few weeks ago, Lord Milner came to the capital of Imperial Ontario and once more the simple members of this marvellous club hoped that the officers would do their duty and have a few moments of informal talk from a man worth hearing. Once more this remarkably retiring club failed to make any appointment with the distinguished visitor.

In Montreal, the Women's Canadian Club, with Lady Drummond as the graceful chief officer, gave a luncheon, at which Lord Milner was the guest of honour. Why, oh, why, did the Montreal women succeed where the Toronto club failed? Someone will be so unkind as to say that the officers of the Toronto club are not as efficient as might be desired. Another member is so hasty as to remark that one of the officers does not know a motion from an amendment. However this may be, the Toronto Women's Canadian Club actually engaged Professor Colby of McGill University to talk to the members last week on the subject, "Bribery in Elections," although a report in a Toronto newspaper credited the lecturer with having a few words to say on "Canadian Types of the Old Regime." It was to be hoped that we had heard the last of elections on October 26th but the hope was vain. Mr. Byron Walker was called upon to introduce the lecturer. Why? Mr. Walker is a most estimable and gifted gentleman but, in his wildest flights of ambition, he did not dream of aspiring to the presidency of the Toronto Women's Canadian Club. In the Montreal and Winnipeg clubs, Lady Drummond and Mrs. Sanford Evans have proved equal to the duties of their position. What is the matter with the Toronto club that the President of the Bank of Commerce must come to its assistance?

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