

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Watford Horticultural Society was held in the Public Library Wednesday Jan. 11th, with a fair attendance present. The Treasurer's statement was read and confirmed. The following is a brief summary of it:

Receipts	
Legislative Grant	\$ 75.00
Members dues (79 members)	101.00
Donations	47.00
Sale of bulbs, etc.	145.93
Total receipts	\$ 368.93
Expenditure	
Grant to School Fair	\$ 18.95
Labor on Federal Square	63.25
Lectures	20.00
Purchase of seeds, bulbs, etc.	218.20
Total expenditure	\$ 320.40
Balance on hand	\$ 48.53

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mr. Bate.
1st Vice-pres.—Mrs. A. G. Brown.
2nd Vice-pres.—Mr. E. D. Swift.
Sec.—Treas.—Mr. M. Cameron.
Directors elected for two years—Dr. Sawers, Rev. Mr. Irwin, Dr. Howden, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Connolly.
Directors elected 1921 for two year term—Mrs. McKecher, Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss M. Reid, Mrs. Kinnell.
Auditors—Mr. W. H. Shrapnell and Rev. Mr. Steadman.

Considerable discussion followed as to the work of the Society for 1922 and it was felt that the membership should be greatly increased as the Government grant is based partly on that, and a committee to consist of the Secretary and Presidents was appointed to draft a suitable list of premiums. These will be announced later and promise to be even better than those given last year, and it was felt that in view of this and as a result of the marked improvement effected in the Federal Square there should be no difficulty in securing support for the 1922 program.
Dues for 1922, \$1.00 minimum, may left with the secretary or any of the other officers.

TEMPERANCE FORCES MEET IN PETROLEA

A largely attended meeting of the Lambton County Temperance Alliance was held in the Baptist church, Petrolia, Monday, January 9. Delegates were present from all parts of the county.

Mr. R. Sturrett, county president occupied the chair and Mr. Wm. McIntosh acted as secretary.

Routine business was first disposed of. The secretary's report showing the successful result of the last voting campaign. Lambton county as a whole giving a vote of approximately 80 per cent. dry, one of the highest in the province.

The treasurer's report showed all accounts paid and a balance in the treasury and this was voted to the Provincial funds.

Ben. H. Spence, of Toronto, general secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance who was present was called upon to conduct a round table conference on the future work of the prohibition forces. This was taken up under three heads, law enforcement, amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act and Dominion prohibition. This discussion on the various points raised was animated and general and the conclusions reached were approved enthusiastically.

Law Enforcement
Regarding law enforcement, attention was called to the change of policy in the part of the provincial authorities in putting the distinction between the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act and other laws by putting it under the provincial police to be enforced with all other laws, impersonally and impartially. This policy was heartily approved and it was decided to keep intact and alive local municipal organizations to aid as far as possible in securing the improved social conditions that would follow through enforcement and also to emphasize the necessity for developing a spirit of law observance.

Quotes Taft
One representative quoted chief justice Taft, ex-president of the United States as saying "A citizen who is in favor of the enforcement of only the laws for which he has voted and in the principle and wisdom of which he agrees, is not a law-abiding citizen of a democracy."
A particularly vigorous discussion

took place on proposed amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act. These covered the evils of near beer, native wine, prescriptions and private stocks of liquor. It was decided to press for legislation that would effectively cover these points. Reducing the alcoholic strength of beer, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating native wines, and providing that doctors should be required to take out permits for the issuing of prescriptions and that the amount which might be supplied upon a prescription should be made the quantity asked for by the doctors themselves, namely eight ounces instead of forty ounces as at present allowed.

Nation-Wide Law
Dominion prohibition was debated at length, and it was decided that the enactment of a complete nation-wide law should be urged upon the new government and parliament and also that the members elect should be interviewed regarding the matter. The general feeling was that the next logical step in the prohibition reform was national prohibition and that the passing of such a law would not only make enforcement of provincial prohibition easier but would induce the good feeling between the provinces of Canada and national unity, while the present sectional laws were causing interprovincial ill will, strike and antagonism.
The gathering was one of the most successful and helpful of the many county conventions that have been held and showed that the prohibition forces are not included to rest on their oars but are in fine fighting fettle.

The death of Samuel K. Walt, aged 82 years, took place at the family residence, 4th con., Bosanquet on Monday, January 9th. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, to the Arkona cemetery for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Minifie, of Sarnia, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last. Mr. Minifie has conducted a music store in Sarnia for over 35 years and has been a resident of the city for over 40 years.

A Simcoe despatch states that the Norfolk County council roads committee had reduced wages for highway construction workers. The man with team will be paid 40c. an hour; without team 20c.; foremen on maintenance 40 cents; on construction 50 cents.

Hydro-electric and Hydro-radial matters are being closely studied in the rural sections surrounding Sarnia. Throughout Lambton county a series of meetings is now being held with J. E. Armstrong, ex-M. P., and a number of leading farmers supporting the issue. An attempt is under way by the Hydro-radial supporters to have the Hydro-electric Commission take over the Pere Marquette Railway from Sarnia to Walkerville. Supporters of Hydro claim this would be the greatest boom for Lambton county and the section bordering the St. Clair River.

Special pipe and tobacco supplies for ladies can now be found in some of the cities and the Quebec liquor commission plans to open a wine shop for women in Montreal. It will be in the center of Montreal's downtown district, in the immediate vicinity of the principal stores in which women are wont to do their daily shopping. Wine, it is said, will be the only beverages sold. The purpose of this store is to make it possible for women to purchase wine without being compelled to "rub shoulders" with the motley throng of males who frequent the ordinary commission's liquor depots.

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