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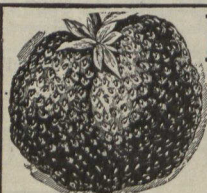
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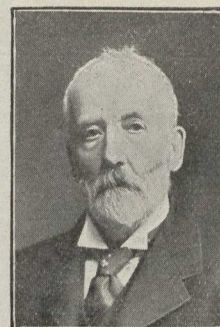


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The glory of the horticultural societies of Ontario, as of horticulture generally, lies in the unselfish, faithful, persevering



Mr. J. Kneeshaw

efforts of lovers of flowers, who give of their best in order that the cause of horticulture may be advanced and the lives of others enriched by being brought into closer touch with nature. Among such may well be classed Mr. J. Kneeshaw, an officer and past president of the Hamilton Horticultural Society. Mr. Kneeshaw, who is now in his eighty-second year, came to Canada when six months old, being educated at Lachute, on the Ottawa river. He moved to Toronto in 1848 and to Hamilton in 1851, where he has resided ever since.

The Hamilton Horticultural Society was organized in 1850, but it was not incorporated until 1859. Mr. Kneeshaw's connection with it started in 1864. He has been a member of the society almost continuously since that date and on the board of officers since 1890. In 1909 Mr. Kneeshaw was elected its president and since then has acted in the capacity of honorary president.

The membership of the Hamilton society last year was four hundred and sixty-five. During the past few years the society has about doubled its membership, due in a large measure to Mr. Kneeshaw's faithful work. Having retired from business, he has had more time on his hands than formerly and has made it a practice, when in different parts of the city during the early summer months, to call in and see any strangers whose gardens he notices and to tell them about the society and thus secure their membership. In this way many new members have been obtained.

Mr. Kneeshaw looks back with pleasure over the splendid work that has been accomplished by the Hamilton Horticultural Society. In 1862 the society sent an exhibit of fruit to the Royal Horticultural Society of London, England, and was awarded a valuable silver medal. This medal Mr. Kneeshaw wore at the last annual convention in Toronto of the Ontario Horticultural Association. In 1870 the society had three hundred and fifteen members, who paid two dollars a year. Four exhibitions of flowers, fruit and vegetables were held and numerous prizes were awarded. This shows the great interest that was taken in the society as long as forty years ago.

Items of Interest

The Ontario Department of Agriculture is running an agricultural instruction train along the lines of the C.P.R. in most of the farming districts of old Ontario. The train started out at St. Joachim, in Western Ontario, on February 26th and will conclude at Apple Hill, in Eastern Ontario, on Saturday, March 16th. It consists of four baggage cars and three coaches used for lecture purposes. The former are equipped with exhibits covering fruit growing, live stock, field husbandry, drainage, dairying, feeds, poultry, bee-keeping, fertilizers and concrete. The fruit growing features include samples of fruit, nursery stock, mounted specimens of insects and fungous