

year of \$69.88. The amount paid for prizes was larger by \$18 than that paid in 1899. The entries for 1900 were 635, an increase of 37 over the previous year. On motion of Mr. E. B. Alport, seconded by Mr. Geo. Street, the report was accepted and ordered to be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture. A vote of thanks to the officers of last year was passed. An interesting discussion, in which many members took part, followed, upon the question as to whether it was desirable to continue to act upon the old lines of co-operation with the East Simcoe Agricultural Society in holding a fall show; or to cut away from that society altogether, and devote the resources of the town society entirely to town objects, such as beautifying of lawns and gardens, holding of summer shows, and other directions in which valuable work might be done. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would be hardly be advisable to withdraw at present from the former methods, particularly as it was pointed out, a summer show was impracticable owing to there being no hall in the town suitable for such a purpose. At a meeting of the Directors, which immediately followed, Mr. C. L. Stephens was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for the fourth time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Canon Green, it was resolved that during the ensuing year regular monthly meetings of the Directors shall be held, and the second Tuesday in each month at 8 p. m. in the Council Chambers, were fixed upon for time and place. Mr. Secord introduced to the meeting Mr. G. B. Wyllie, District Passenger Agent of the Illinois Central Railway, as an old friend and schoolmate who was visiting him. Mr. Wyllie having expressed pleasure at being at being present and interest in the discussion which he had listened to, gave a short address on the subject of Canadian Summer Resorts, referring chiefly to Orillia and the Muskoka District. He promised a very large influx of visitors next summer from the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo, and hoped that Orillia would be prepared to receive a goodly number. He emphasised the importance of well-kept grounds and tidy streets as an attraction to tourists. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wyllie for his entertaining and instructive address.

HAMILTON.—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Horticultural Society was held in the Hamilton Scientific Association rooms on the evening of Wednesday, January 9th, at half past seven o'clock. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$213.00. \$162.00 were received in members' fees during 1900. \$99.00 were expended in purchasing and distributing seeds, plants and bulbs. With the object of cultivating a love for horticulture \$46.00 worth of plants were distributed among the scholars of the public and separate schools during the late spring, and prizes of plants and bulbs were awarded in October for the best grown specimens from each school, much interest being taken in the competition by parents as well as children. The thanks of the society are due E. G. Brown, John A. Bruce & Co., Walter Holt and Messrs. A. Alexander and William Hunt for kindly donating the prizes. Nine open meetings were held for hearing lectures and the reading of papers. A public exhibition was held in June. The following officers and directors were elected: President, A. Alexander; First Vice-President, F. H. Lambe; Second Vice-President, J. O. McCulloch. Directors: James Anderson, S. Aylett, W. F. Burton, John Cape, J. J. Evel, Wm. Hunt, J. Kneeshaw, Rev. A. McLaren, William Wilson; Auditors, Fred. B. Greening, M. H. Little; Secy-Treas., J. M. Dickson.

The Perth Horticultural Society held its first annual meeting in the Council Chamber, on the evening of Jan. 9th, at which the officers for the ensuing year were elected and considerable business done. The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 29th, at eight o'clock in the evening at the same place, for the purpose of adopting by-laws, etc. This adjourned meeting should be well attended as by-laws are important and other business will be brought up.

PICTON.—The annual meeting of the above society was held in Shire Hall on Wednesday evening, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and other business.

