

membership of our Association grew from a couple of hundred to nearly 2,000.

In the year 1887 he was succeeded by the present editor, Mr. Linus Woolverton, of whom it is not our place to speak, except to say that his qualifications for the work were similar to those of Dr. Beadle, he being a graduate of the University of Toronto and having an extensive practical experience in both fruit growing and nursery business.

Thanks to the interest taken in our journal by the fruit and flower lovers of Canada, the journal has grown to more than three times the size of its first issue, and has now a circulation of over five thousand. It is quoted as an authority in fruit matters not only by Canadian, American and European journals, but even by governmental reports, all of which is a matter for congratulation.

Two years ago the combined work of editor, secretary and treasurer for our Association became too heavy for one person, and Mr. G. C. Creelman was appointed secretary-treasurer, thus relieving Mr. Woolverton of that part of the work. No better organizer of men and affairs could have been selected, and his excellent work in working up fruit institutes, out of door meetings at our experiment stations, and local fruit growers' associations, has been most highly appre-

ciated. But before he had time to perfect his plans for the benefit of fruit growers, he was invited to take a still more responsible position, and the executive committee of our Association was compelled to act quickly in the appointment of a successor.

Fortunately for us all, it became possible to secure the services of Mr. H. B. Cowan, the successful editor of the Ottawa Valley Journal, who though only a young man, has shown such marked ability in extending the subscription list of that journal and in making it popular among the farmers, that we have great confidence in what he is able to do for our journal and for the extension of the work of our Association. Although superintendent of fall fairs also, this will not prevent his giving a large share of his time to the business management and assistant editorship of the Canadian Horticulturist.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, the new superintendent of fairs, although only 26 years of age, has had considerable experience in public matters. In 1901, as editor of the Ottawa Valley Journal, he organized one of the largest plowing matches ever held in Canada. The counties in Eastern Ontario held county matches and sent their junior and senior champions to compete in the final match at Ottawa for the championship of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. The two



FIG. 2770. MR. D. W. BEADLE.