

ada have much to gain and nothing to lose from the proposed changes in the United States tariff.

The Horticultural Societies Act of Ontario is probably the best act of the kind in force in any province of Canada or state in the American Union. A number of provinces and states make annual grants to horticultural exhibitions of one kind or another. None that we know of make annual grants to local horticultural societies based upon their membership and expenditures for horticultural purposes. State or provincial legislatures which desire to promote the horticultural interests of their people will do well to examine carefully the Horticultural Societies Act of Ontario.

## PUBLISHER'S DESK

The annual meeting of The Horticultural Publishing Co., Limited, was held in Toronto on March 27th. The reports presented showed that great progress had been made and that the Company was in the strongest position in its history. A substantial addition was made to the reserve fund from the profits on the year's business. The Horticultural Publishing Company publishes The Canadian Horticulturist and The Canadian Florist, and is now commencing also the publication of The Beekeeper. The officers of the Company were all re-elected, and are as follows: President, W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines; vice-president, John H. Dunlop, Toronto; managing director and secretary-treasurer, H. B. Cowan, Peterborough; directors, A. W. Peart, Burlington; Hermann Simmers and P. W. Hodgetts, Toronto; Harold Jones, Prescott.

Starting with this issue The Canadian Horticulturist hereafter will be published in two editions. The first or regular edition will be called The Canadian Horticulturist, and will appear in exactly the same form as the paper has had in the past. The second edition will be called "The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper." It will be mailed to those readers of The Canadian Horticulturist who are especially interested in beekeeping, and will contain features that will be of special interest to them. The cover of the second edition will differ from the cover of the first edition only in the addition of the word "Beekeeper." Some five pages of matter appearing in the first or regular edition of The Canadian Horticulturist will be repeated in this issue by an equal number of pages of matter relating to the beekeeping industry. The pages in the May issue of The Canadian Horticulturist that will be changed will be pages 129, 130, 131, 133, and 134. There will be no other change. Owing to the heavy expense involved in making the changes necessitated by the publication of this second edition the subscription price of The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper will be \$1.00 a year and not 60¢ a year, which will continue to be the regular subscription price, for the present at least, of The Canadian Horticulturist. This second edition of The Canadian Horticulturist has been started as a result of the earnest solicitation of the officers of The Ontario Beekeepers' Association, who have appointed it their official organ and subscribed for it for all of their nearly eight hundred members. As there are some eleven thousand beekeepers in

Ontario alone, and as the great majority of these are interested in fruit growing, it will be seen that the new edition of The Canadian Horticulturist has a wide field in which to work. The advertisers in The Canadian Horticulturist will receive the full benefit of this departure as their advertisements will be published in both editions without change. Readers of The Canadian Horticulturist who would like to have their subscriptions changed in order that they may receive instead The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper may have the change made upon request.

Have you noticed the "Absolute Guarantee" of our advertisers that we publish on the editorial page of each issue? Are you aware that The Canadian Horticulturist, with its companion publication, Farm and Dairy, are the only two publications in Canada that give such a guarantee of their advertisers? We take great pains to see that none but the most reliable advertisements are admitted to the columns of The Canadian Horticulturist. This involves the refusal by us of large volumes of business that readily find admittance to the columns of most other publications, but it enables us to give our readers the benefit of this guarantee. Read it and see how thoroughly your interests are protected every time you buy from one of our advertisers and tell them that you saw their advertisement in The Canadian Horticulturist.

Ask for what you don't see, is a good adage, and applies particularly well to a magazine. It is our endeavor as a horticultural magazine to keep our columns filled with advertising of interest to our readers, to be able to have them say, "When I want anything in the horticultural line, I only have to look among the advertisements in The Canadian Horticulturist." Sometimes, however, it is a difficult matter to get every line represented and so occasionally some of our readers write in with inquiries about certain articles which they do not find in our columns. We are glad to get such requests. During the next few weeks you will be requiring many articles in connection with your orchard garden, or house, some of which you may not find advertised. Do not be afraid to write to us. We are constantly in touch with reliable firms handling goods of nearly every description. Our motto is "Service," and we will always be pleased to supply you with any information available.

## International Score Card Competition

A feature of the next meeting of the American Pomological Society will be a score card judging contest. The purpose of this work is to bring about a more uniform and systematic system of judging fruits in competition. First, by bringing together a comprehensive collection of fruits from all parts of the continent; second, by requiring all contestants to use the same score card values; third, by requiring each contestant to judge both varieties of his own section and those from distant sections, fourth, by submitting a full explanation of the scores made by contestants to the convention, together with an explanation of the values written into the score cards.

This ought to result in several distinct advantages to both the producers and the consumers. The one ought to learn what to strive for in producing a fruit; the other ought to learn what constitutes a

good fruit; and both ought to obtain a knowledge of the characters of fruits that are of particular importance and value. It is confidently expected that this step will inaugurate a distinct movement for better fruit, and that the growing, exhibiting, and marketing of fruit will receive a positive stimulus through the general introduction of a uniform score card practice in judging competitive exhibits. At present sixteen Agricultural Colleges have expressed hearty support of a plan to have teams of three from each of these institutions participate in the contest.

## SOCIETY NOTES

We invite the officers of Horticultural Societies to send in short, pithy reports of work that would interest members of other Horticultural Societies.

### Perth

The April meeting of the Perth Horticultural Society had a number of inspiring features for those who are interested in the elevating service in which the true friends of the garden are concerned. The membership has been showing a steady increase for a number of weeks. It is now beyond the two hundred mark. The merits of the cause are prized not only by the people of the town, where the majority of the membership is found, but by the people in the country nearby, and as far on one side as twelve miles, and on another side as far as twenty.—A. H. S.

### Peterboro

The spring option list of the Peterboro Horticultural Society is as follows, each member being entitled to any one of the options, as well as to a year's subscription to The Canadian Horticulturist:

No. One—One box Asters, mixed; one box Stocks, mixed; one box Phlox, mixed.

No. Two—Three Paeonies, assorted colors.

No. Three—Three Calla Lilies, white, yellow and black.

No. Four—Six Dahlin Roots, choice varieties.

No. Five—Six Geranium in four inch pots.

No. Six—Six Salvia, in three inch pots.

No. Seven—Twelve Groff's Hybrid Gladiolus, choice varieties.

No. Eight—One Clematis Jackmani, three-year-old plants.

No. Nine—One Dutchman's Pipe choice, four foot plants.

No. Ten—Five Delphinium, or Perennial Larkspurs.

No. Eleven—Five hardy Garden Phlox: new varieties.

No. Twelve—One Boston or Whitmani Fern.

No. Thirteen—One Kentia Palm.

No. Fourteen—Five Herbert Red Raspberry, five Black Diamond Raspberry.

No. Fifteen—Five Gooseberry Bushes; five Black Currants.

The annual convention of the Canadian Horticultural Society is to be held in Peterboro this summer and the local Society is planning to hold a Horticultural Exhibition.

The county of Grey (Ontario) has decided to make an exhibit of apples at the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition in Toronto next November.