

varieties are suited to their soil and climate. During the last fifteen or sixteen years our Association has been endeavoring to do as much plant-testing as possible, through our directors and members, and this we consider one of the most important departments of our work. In the future we hope to receive some substantial encouragement for the more careful carrying out of our distribution of trees and plants for testing, and for the collating of the results.

As a writer on agricultural and horticultural subjects, Mr. Nicol is favorably known throughout the Province of Ontario. In the annual competitions for prizes offered by the Agricultural and Arts Association for the best essays on these subjects, Mr. Nicol has been awarded nine first prizes.

As a landscape gardener, Mr. Nicol's talents have been recognized by the people of Kingston. The laying out of the Cataraqui cemetery, of Kingston, was placed in his hands and he continues to have this work in charge, a task which absorbs no small amount of his time.

For several years Mr. Nicol was president of the Frontenac Agricultural Association and was a member of the Board of Directors for over twenty years. He has also taken a share in the work of conducting the Farmers' Institutes in connection with the professors of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, and has been sent out to this work three successive seasons. For this work he is well suited having had large experience, not only in fruit growing, but also in general farming and stock raising.

THE DESIRABLE CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Mrs. Cleveland, Snowstorm, Moonlight and B. Rose have attracted a great deal of attention of late. The number of really valuable early kinds is quite small, and it is a question whether such as we have of the very early ones are desirable, for they come at the height of the aster season, and are in no way superior to them, though they require much more trouble in cultivation. If we could have varieties equal in beauty to the November flowering kinds there would be no doubt of their desirability, but such do not seem to be forthcoming. Those that have proved most valuable are Mad. C. Desgrange, white; Mlle. Lacroix, white; Alex. Dufour, amaranth; Lady Selborne, white; Mandrin, white, shaded yellow and pink; and Roi des Precoces, crimson. On the other hand, there are a few varieties that extend the chrysanthemum season far into the winter; indeed, it is not unusual to see them at Christmas. The following are valuable in this way: Grandiflorum, bright yellow; Mrs. Charles Carey, white; Ceres, pink and white; Gloire de Toulouse, amaranth crimson; Snowstorm, white; Thunberg, yellow; Bi-color, orange and yellow; and the new variety, Le Suprenant, crimson and yellow.—*Forest and Home*