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WITH  
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## CONSTITUTION.

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1. That the Officers of this Society shall consist of a **PRESIDENT**, **VICE-PRESIDENT**, **SECRETARY**, **TREASURER**, and seven **MANAGERS**, who shall be, hereafter, chosen, by ballot, annually, at a meeting to be held on the second Tuesday in January in each year, notice of which meeting shall be published in two of the City papers, at least one week previously to the time of Election.

2. The Officers of the Society, with the Managers, shall form a board for the government of the Society, five of whom shall be a quorum; shall hold meetings quarterly, or as often as they may deem expedient; shall appoint the time and place for holding Exhibitions; make such rules and regulations respecting the same as may be deemed expedient; make and publish before the 15th day of February in each year, a full and specific list of articles to be competed for and prizes to be awarded; encourage the introduction of new objects of Horticulture; and for the purpose of promoting the interests and objects of the Society, (subject to the instruction, supervision and control of the Society), shall keep a record of all their proceedings and make a report of the same to the Society, at its Annual Meeting.

3. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in any of the offices of the Society, it may be filled by a special Election by the Board of Managers, at such time as they may deem expedient, of which one week's notice shall be given by the Secretary, in writing, to each member of the Board.

4. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Society, to maintain order, to state the business before the Society, in case of equal division upon any question, to give the casting vote, to call for Accounts and Reports of Committees, to call extra meetings of the Society, when requested, in writing, by five members, and generally to superintend the execution of such By-laws and Regulations as the Society shall from time to time enact, not otherwise provided for.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all sums of Money due or payable to the Society, and shall keep and disburse the same, as may

be directed by the Board of Management, of which he shall render a true account; no payment to be made without the written order of the President, or, in his absence, of any two members of the Board.

6. That the Managing Committee be empowered to make all the necessary arrangements for the Exhibitions, and elect three competent Judges who shall award the Premiums to the several successful Competitors and from whose award there shall be no appeal.

7. Individuals may become Members of this Society by the annual payment of Ten Shillings, and shall be entitled to vote, shall be eligible to any office or appointment, receive a printed copy of the published transactions of the Society, a printed copy of the Constitution, and shall receive three Tickets to all the Exhibitions of the Society.

8. After the formation of the Society, applications for admission as members to be made to one of the Board of Management and to be balloted for at their next meeting.

9. The contribution of Five Pounds shall constitute a Life Membership and exempt the Member from all future contribution.

10. Any member who shall (after notice given) neglect, for the space of one year, to pay his Annual Subscription, shall cease to retain his connection with the Society, and the Treasurer shall have power to erase his name from the List of Members; and any member may withdraw from the Society by giving notice to the Treasurer or Secretary, and paying the amount due by him to the Society. If any member shall do anything to dishonor the Society, place on the Tables or in the Hall, for Exhibition or Premium, any Plant, Fruit or Specimen, bearing his name, not of his growth, manufacture or design, with an intention to deceive, or shall be guilty of any breach of good faith towards the Society, he may be expelled therefrom—two-thirds of the members present voting for his expulsion—but no member shall be expelled without notice of the motion being served upon him, personally, or left at his usual place of abode, at least ten days before it is acted upon.

11. The Fiscal year shall commence on the First day of January, and all Annual Subscriptions shall be deemed and taken as due at that time.

12. Premiums and Gratuities may be awarded to such persons as shall have essentially advanced the objects of the Society, or for the exhibition of any Fruits, Plants, Flowers or Vegetables, of their own growth or cultivation, either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence, or for any new and successful method of

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cultivating any kind of Fruits, Flowers, Vegetables, Shrubs, Plants, or Trees, or for any other subject connected with Horticulture.

13. No member shall be entitled to receive a Premium or Gratuity, without having previously paid to the Treasurer his Annual Subscription.

14. As this Society is formed for the advancement of Horticulture in Canada, it is understood that no Plant shall be placed in competition for the regular prizes of the Society, except it shall have been in the Province for the space of three months, and is *bona fide* the property of the member offering it. The Committee may offer gratuities for the introduction of any Foreign production.

15. The Constitution and By-laws of the Society may be altered and amended at any Regular Meeting of the Society; a notification of the intended alteration having been made at a previous meeting, and two-thirds of those present voting for such alteration or amendment.

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The Annual Meeting took place at Young's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 14th January, when the Managing Committee presented the following:—

### REPORT.

Your Committee beg to submit the following Report:—

The Society was formed last spring, under rather unfavorable prospects, a similar attempt having failed some time before, but your Committee are happy to say their exertions have exceeded their most sanguine expectations.

The number of members who have paid their subscriptions amount to 87; the names of many others were on the original list, and there is every prospect, from the satisfaction given to the public at the two exhibitions, that a considerable increase may be expected during the present year.

The variety of Fruits, Flowers, and Vegetables sent in for competition at the two exhibitions in June and September, were far beyond any thing your Committee could have anticipated, and would not have disgraced the exhibitions of longer established Societies.

The total amount of subscriptions (and donations arising from

premiums awarded and given to the funds) for the past year was £53 8s. 8d. Of this sum there was awarded for premiums £33 10s.; expenses for printing, &c., £8 6s. 10d.; leaving a balance on hand of £11 11s. 10d., in the Savings' Bank.

Your Committee are happy to state that they have reason to believe the competitors are perfectly satisfied with the premiums awarded, and as many of the *practical* members were very successful, they have every reason to expect a considerable increase of members from that class of individuals—a class which it has been one of the principal objects of your Committee to enlist into your Society.

On the whole, your Committee are of opinion that it only requires a little exertion on the part of your Members to make your Society one of the most successful of the kind in Canada.

A copy of the Treasurer's accounts for the past year will be laid before you, and which your Committee are happy to say have been audited and found correct.

H. B. BULL, SECRETARY.

Hamilton, January 14, 1851.

After the reading of the Report, the Members proceeded to ballot for Officers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were duly elected:—

*President*,—DANIEL MACNAB, Esq.; *Vice President*,—DR. CRAIGIE; *Treasurer*,—WM. G. KERR, Esq.; *Secretary*,—J. E. SABINE, Esq.; *Managing Committee*,—MESSRS. MUNDIE; PRING; HAMILTON; H. B. BULL; JOHN YOUNG; McLAREN, and MURRAY.

It was then moved by W. P. McLAREN, Esq., seconded by J. F. MOORE, Esq.,

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. J. Y. YOUNG, for the accommodation afforded by him to the Society during the past year.

Which was unanimously carried, and the Meeting adjourned.

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**Premiums for the following Articles will be awarded at  
the June Exhibition,**

*of which due notice will be given in the City papers.*

	£	s.	D.
For the Best half peck of Early Peas,	-	10	0
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best quart of French Beans,	-	7	6
2d do do	-	5	0
Best half peck Early Potatoes,	-	10	0
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best Melon, do	-	10	0
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best Brace of Cucumbers,	-	7	6
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best half dozen Turnips,	-	5	0
2d do do	-	2	6
Best Dozen of Carrots,	-	7	6
2d do do	-	5	0
Best Dozen Stalks Rhubarb,	-	7	6
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best three early Cabbage,	-	10	0
2d do do	-	5	0
Best half Dozen Lettuce,	-	5	0
2d do do	-	2	6
Best Dozen Radishes,	-	5	0
2d do do	-	2	6
Best Pint of Strawberries,	-	10	0
2d do do	-	5	0
3d do do	-	2	6
Best Pint Cherries,	-	7	6
2d do do	-	5	0
Best Quart of Gooseberries,	-	7	6
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Best Pint Red Currants,	-	5	0
Best Pint White, do	-	5	0
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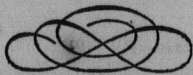




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	Best six Pansies,	2 6
2d	do	5 0
	Best three Cockscombs,	2 6
2d	do	5 0
	Best half dozen Spikes Balsams,	2 6
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	Best do Stocks,	2 6
	Best do China Asters	7 6
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	Best half dozen Hollyhocks, assorted,	2 6
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	Best dozen Annuals,	5 0
	Best twelve Fuschias, varieties,	7 6
	Best six do do	10 0
	Best twelve Green House Plants,	5 0
2d	do do	10 0
	Best six House Plants,	5 0
2d	do do	10 0
	Best six Specimens of Native Flowers,	5 0
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	Best Bouquet of Flowers, most tastefully arranged.	5 0

The judges to have the option of refusing prizes for any of the above named articles they do not think worthy.



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