

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CITY OF TORONTO

Electoral District

Agricultural Society

For the Year

1885.

Toronto

Jan. 21st, 1886

REPORT

In accordance with the requirements of the Statute, your Directors beg to submit the following report of their proceedings during the year :

As preliminary to carrying out the usual Flower and Fruit Show, your Directors made arrangements with the Toronto Horticultural Society, for the use of the Gardens and Pavilion, on terms similar to those of former years. Arrangements were also made for the early issue of an enlarged and improved prize list.

FLOWER SHOW

The Flower Show was held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th of July. This late period was selected, as it was found last year to have the effect of bringing out a larger and finer display of cut flowers and fruits than if held two weeks earlier, as was usual in previous years.

It was decided this year to make an improvement on the stereotyped mode of arranging the tables ; and with this object in view, a plan was prepared by which the Pavilion was laid out so as to give it the appearance of a flower garden with its numerous winding walks. At former shows, the cut flowers and designs were arranged on tables against the stage ; and as a consequence much inconvenient crowding ensued. This year the table for cut flowers was circular in form, and occupied the entire centre of the building ; so that the exhibits could be examined more leisurely and with greater pleasure than heretofore. The change generally was most favourably commented upon both by the press and the public. The Show, as viewed from the gallery, presented a most pleasing effect ; and your Directors feel that they were amply repaid for the extra trouble and expense involved in carrying out the improvement.

In point of excellence the Show was up to, and in most respects surpassed, those of previous years. One of its most gratifying features was the very large increase in the number of entries in the Amateur Class : outnumbering by 47 those of last year. It should be the effort of next year's Board to endeavour to still further encourage amateurs by enlarging their classes, and, if possible, by increasing the amount of prizes to be offered. It would be well also for the Directors to personally wait upon some of our leading amateurs, with the object of inducing them to make such exhibits as would be mutually beneficial to the exhibitors and to the public, and at the same time serve to foster a love for horticultural pursuits.

The number of entries this year was far in excess of any summer show, being 398 as against 290 of the previous year : an increase of 108 entries. That this increase was not anticipated, may be seen in the fact that sufficient table room was not provided ; and, at the last moment, your Directors had to personally construct temporary ones to enable them to meet the unexpected demand upon them.

This year the amount received at the gates was \$250.00, representing, in addition to members and complimentaries, 2,500 paid admissions. The attendance, though very large, was not quite up to that of last year, which may be accounted for, in a measure, by the counter attractions that were going on at Niagara at the same date, and which doubtless took away from the city a very large number of persons who would otherwise have been present.

An admirably carried out musical programme was furnished on each evening by the Band of the 10th Royal Grenadiers.

The names of the successful competitors at this year's show were as follows :

CLASS I.—PLANTS AND FLOWERS.—PROFESSIONAL LIST.

	8 first prizes.	10 second prizes.	1 third prize.
Government House, Toronto	8	10	1
Horticultural Gardens, "	5	4	5
Manton & Co., "	5	6	3
Robert Murray, "	3	2	..
Sir D. L. Macpherson, "	17	2	1
Daniel McLean, "	3	3	1
John Paxton, Davenport	2	2	..
Noah Sunley, Guelph	3	1	1
Charles Scott, Melville Cross	1	..	..
Henry Slight, Toronto . . . . .	..	3	1
Toronto Asylum (J. Graham). . . . .	..	2	1

CLASS II.—CUT FLOWERS.—PROFESSIONAL LIST.

	.. first prizes.	1 second prize.	1 third prize.
Government House, Toronto . . . . .	..	1	1
Horticultural Gardens, "	4	1	..
Wm. Jay, Seaton Village . . . . .	..	1	..
Manton & Co., Toronto	1	5	..
Harry Marshall, Hamilton	1	3	1
Robert Murray, Toronto . . . . .	..	..	1
Daniel McLean, "	1	3	2
Sir D. L. Macpherson, Toronto	2	1	1
John Paxton, Davenport	4	1	1
Noah Sunley, Guelph,	1	1	..
Charles Scott, Melville Cross	5	4	1
Henry Slight, Toronto	1	..	1
John Smith, "	4	1	3
Toronto Asylum (J. Graham)	3	2	..
James Wright, Parkdale	9	4	4

CLASS III.—FRUITS.—GENERAL LIST.

	2 first prizes.	.. second prize.
C. S. Kenyon, Toronto	2	..
Geo. Murray, "	3	..
Harry Marshall, Hamilton	5	6
Daniel McLean, Toronto	1	..
Sir D. L. Macpherson, Toronto	2	..
John Paxton, Davenport	3	3
Noah Sunley, Guelph	1	2

CLASS IV.—PLANTS AND FLOWERS.—AMATEUR LIST.

	4 first prizes.	5 second prizes.	.. third prize.
W. Bradford, Toronto.....	4	5	..
Mrs. J. A. Downey, Toronto.....	..	1	1
Mrs. Findlay, ".....	3	2	2
Mrs. Gore, ".....	1	2	2
Mrs. Holland, ".....	1	..	..
Mrs. R. J. Hill, ".....	1	2	1
Mrs. E. S. Kilby, ".....	3	1	..
Henry Pellatt, ".....	2	..	..
Mrs. E. Scobie, ".....	..	1	..
Mrs. Wilson, ".....	1	..	..
Mrs. Watkins, ".....	1	..	..
Mrs. Walwin, ".....	1	..	..
Thomas Walker, ".....	1	..	..

Mr. John Paxton, to whom was entrusted the superintendence of the Hall during the Show, carried out the suggestions of your Directorate in the most satisfactory manner.

The lowering of the tables for the arranging of the larger class of plants in pots was a very decided improvement on former years.

The changes made in the schedule of prizes offered, especially in the Cut Flower Class, proved to be eminently successful, as evinced by the number of entries made in hand and table bouquets, funeral designs, etc. Many of these were of rare beauty and complete in form.

Funeral designs being made a speciality by your Directors, brought out fine specimens of this art. From Melville Cross, Parkdale, etc., competitors sent some exquisite subjects, which were arranged on tables at the west end of the Pavilion.

The circular table in the centre of the Hall was also a source of great attraction to visitors; the outer margin of this table was filled to its utmost capacity with cut blooms, while the centre was filled in with specimens of palms and ferns, many of these of great value and in fine condition, showing care and judgment in the cultivation of these noble plants, and with their pendant and spreading foliage forming an excellent background for the cut blooms.

Other tables, running the length of the hall, were filled with many fine specimens of horticultural skill.

The varied tints of banks of coleus, the bright and almost dazzling splendour of magnificent Geraniums, combined with the modest pendant Fuchsias, the soft and delicate hues of Achimenes, with fine specimens of the fragrant Mignonnette half concealed with the tessellated frond of numerous Ferns, and the aerial lightness of fine specimens of Adiantum, not to forget the close and dense masses of the humble Lycopodiums—all these produced a most pleasing and effective sight.

A number of tables, 4 feet by 10 feet, tastefully arranged with plants in pots, were placed at vantage points on the outer margin of the Hall, and proved exceedingly attractive to visitors. The arranging and blending of the many different shades of foliage and flower requires time and taste for the development, and is in itself a study.

The efforts put forth by your Society to enlist the amateur class in horticultural pursuits were this year more successful than at any previous show. The specimens exhibited were highly creditable to the growers, when the difficulties of such are taken into consideration. The growing of plants in windows, etc., is at all times hazardous.

Your Directors, in closing their report for the year, would venture to suggest that further efforts be made on the part of the new Board to endeavour to make our summer shows more worthy of this fine city. The refining influence of horticultural pursuits is, without doubt, claiming the attention of many of our citizens.

“ For 'tis an art, pursued without a crime,
That leaves no stain upon the wing of time.”

FINANCES.

The total amount of members' subscriptions for the year (a list of which will be found hereto annexed, with the amounts paid by each), was \$205.00 ; and the amounts awarded in prizes in the several classes, \$518.50 ; being \$78.25 more than the amount paid for the same purpose in the year previous.

The detailed statement of the Treasurer, also hereto attached, as examined and signed by the Auditors, shows total receipts for the year, including a balance of \$207.14 from the preceding year, to be \$1,212.14 ; and the expenditure \$1,152.16 ; leaving a balance in hand of \$59.98.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GRAY,
President.

J. P. EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

TORONTO, 20th January, 1886.



TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—1885—

<p>To balance on hand from the previous year.....\$207 14</p> <p>" Subscriptions of Members..... 205 00</p> <p>" Legislative Grant..... 550 00</p> <p>" Admission Fees to Flower Show..... 250 00</p>	<p>By Prizes paid..... \$518 50</p> <p>" Fitting up buildings, rent, lighting, etc., at shows..... 90 15</p> <p>" Toronto Horticultural Society, half the gross proceeds at gates, as per agreement..... 125 00</p> <p>" Printing and advertising..... 189 80</p> <p>" Working expenses, including Secretary and Treasurer's office, clerks, auditors, judges' travelling and other expenses, ticket-sellers, gate-keepers, caretakers, postage, etc..... 228 71</p> <p>" Balance in hand..... 59 98</p>
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Examined and found correct.

H. WADE, }
 JAMES RENNIE, } *Auditors,*

J. P. EDWARDS,
Treasurer.

Treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS

1885

Armstrong, Adam.....	\$1 00	Gzowski, C. S., Col.....	\$4 00
Beard, J. G.....	2 00	Gray, John, Col.....	1 00
Beasant, Geo. (Gov't House).....	1 00	Gallagher, R. C.....	1 00
Boland, F.....	1 00	Garrick, Thos.....	1 00
Blain, J. J.....	1 00	Graham, James.....	1 00
Booth, Geo.....	1 00	Hunter, T. Ald.....	1 00
Blain, David.....	1 00	Hall, M.....	1 00
Butterworth, E.....	1 00	Huff, Wilson.....	1 00
Bansley, John.....	1 00	Holderness, John.....	1 00
Butter, T. S.....	1 00	Hill, H. J.....	1 00
Baldwin, Chas. C.....	1 00	Hillock, J.....	1 00
Boyd, J. T. C.....	1 00	Hamlyn, J. H.....	1 00
Canada Company.....	30 00	Jay, Wm.....	1 00
Cox, E. S.....	5 00	Jackman, H.....	1 00
Chambers, John.....	3 00	Keily, Geo. W.....	4 00
Crocker, James.....	1 00	Kemp, John.....	1 00
Christie, Wm.....	1 00	Kenyon, C. S.....	1 00
Close, P. G.....	1 00	Kyle, W.....	1 00
Clare, J.....	1 00	Leslie, Geo. Jr.....	1 00
Cowan, John W.....	1 00	Lyons, Geo. W.....	1 00
Coady, R. S.....	1 00	Lloyd, R. J.....	1 00
Clow, W.....	1 00	Lloyd, Wm.....	1 00
Cornell, John S. G.....	1 00	Louden, Wm.....	1 00
Davies, Robert.....	1 00	Lawson, E.....	1 00
Davies, J. G.....	1 00	Laidlaw, John.....	1 00
Defries, Thos.....	1 00	MAIL Job Department.....	5 00
Dougherty, C.....	1 00	Mason, James.....	1 00
Donogh, John.....	1 00	Mead, J. H.....	1 00
Doel, W. H.....	1 00	Mitchell, J. E.....	1 00
Downey, S. W.....	1 00	Malone, E. T.....	1 00
Dill, John.....	1 00	Manton, Thos.....	1 00
Edwards, J. P.....	1 00	Marshall, Harry.....	1 00
Fleming, James.....	4 00	Miller, Hugh.....	1 00
Featherstonhaugh, F. B.....	1 00	Miller, Kenneth.....	1 00
Findlay, John (D. McLean).....	1 00	Murray Geo.....	1 00

Murray, Robt.....	\$1 00	Robinson, J.	\$1 00
McKay Bros.	5 00	Ritchie, John.....	1 00
Macpherson, Sir D. L.....	4 00	Ross, Wm.....	1 00
McConnell, M.....	2 00	Simmers, J. A.	5 00
McGregor, Alex.....	1 00	Steele Bros. & Co.....	5 00
McPeath, ———.....	1 00	Smith, Dr. Andrew.....	1 00
McCuaig, Robt.....	1 00	Slight, H.....	1 00
McGee, James.....	1 00	Scott, Chas.....	1 00
McGee, James C.....	1 00	Sunley, Noah.....	1 00
McGee, Wm.....	1 00	Small, Peter.....	1 00
McWilliams, W. G.....	1 00	Stinson, Alex.....	1 00
Noverre, P. E.....	1 00	Saxby, Leonard.....	1 00
Oliver, Joseph.....	1 00	Shannessy, John.....	1 00
Petley & Petley.....	5 00	Steiner, N. L., Ald.....	1 00
Parks, Jas., & Son.....	5 00	Standish, Geo.....	1 00
Paxton, John.....	1 00	Swan Bros.....	1 00
Page, W. P.....	1 00	Smith, John.....	1 00
Pearcy, John.....	1 00	Sinclair, R. A.....	1 00
Pape, John.....	1 00	Sinclair, James.....	1 00
Pringle, J.....	1 00	Sinclair, John, Jr.....	1 00
Pellatt, H.....	1 00	Thompson, Thos., & Son.....	3 00
Rennie, Wm.....	1 00	Thwaite, M.....	1 00
Rennie, Robt.....	1 00	Vair, Geo.....	1 00
Rennie, James.....	1 00	Withrow, J. J.....	1 00
Ridout, D. C.....	1 00	Wright, James.....	1 00
Rolling, Frederick.....	1 00	Watkins, A.....	1 00
Ruse, C.....	1 00	Williams, L. D.....	1 00
Riches, A. R.....	1 00	Waddell, Geo.....	1 00
Ryan, Peter.....	1 00	Wilson, R.....	1 00
Robertson, Geo.....	1 00	Total.....	\$205 00
Robertson, Alex.....	1 00		

J. P. EDWARDS.

Secretary-Treasurer.