

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Hamilton Horticultural Society,
WITH
THE LIST OF
ARTICLES FOR COMPETITION,
AND THE
AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS FOR 1855.



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REPORT.

At the Annual Meeting held at Norton's Hotel, on Wednesday, 10th January, the following Report was read by the Secretary :—

Your Committee, in submitting the Annual Report, cannot but adopt the language of former years, and congratulate the Members on its continued prosperity, for although its Prize List has been largely increased, a reserve fund still remains, and numerous additions have been made to its List of Members.

They also refer with pride to their June Exhibition, as surpassing any other Exhibition of this Society, and contrasting it with the first Spring Show of this Society, they feel confident in asserting that this Society has been both useful and profitable. The July Show, on the contrary, owing to the prevalence of Cholera and to the unfavourable season, was a comparative failure; and your Committee recommend it as a matter for grave consideration, if the June Show should be continued.

The Fall Show was fully equal to those of former years, in Peaches there was not quite so spirited a competition as formerly, but in other Fruits, particularly Pears, it far surpassed any former Show. Vegetables were also numerous and of good quality, the proceeds of the Evening Exhibitions surpassed our most sanguine expectations.

The thanks of the Society are due to the various Exhibitors, particularly to those who sent articles for Exhibition only ; to the Judges, particularly Professor Croft, of Toronto, who has often favoured this Society with his valuable services.

Your Committee cannot close their Report without deploring the loss of one of its most active and efficient Members, the late Daniel MacNab, Esq.—his loss is to us no common one, and deeply and sincerely do we sympathize with his family under the sad calamity.

Your Committee recommend their successors to give a limited number of prizes, open to the Province, and to spare no pains to keep up the interest of the Evening Exhibitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. CARTWRIGHT,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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It was then moved by Dr. Craigie, seconded by Mr. Holton : " That the Report now read be adopted, and the thanks of this Meeting be given to the office bearers for their services during the past year."

After which the following officers were elected :

President—S. B. FREEMAN, Esq.,

Vice-President—W. CRAIGIE, Esq., M. D.,

Treasurer—J. A. BRUCE,

Secretary—G. E. CARTWRIGHT,

Committee of Management—J. THOMPSON; C. MESTON; J.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE SHOWS.

The Committee will be in attendance from 8 to 10 o'clock, on the days of exhibition, to receive the articles, none of which will be admitted after the last named hour, and all are requested to be sent as early as possible.

Competitors are notified that every article must be delivered in a clean and proper state for exhibition; those requiring it, must be made up in neat and suitable packages, and all articles must have their names attached.

It is *absolutely necessary* that no article on exhibition be touched or handled, as the Committee wish to deliver the specimens to their respective owners in the best possible condition.

The Committee cannot be accountable for the re-delivery of any article, if not claimed within the hour specified by the Committee, from 8 to 10, the morning after the show.

The Judges to have the liberty of cutting any article that has to be decided by the taste, and to have the option of refusing Premiums for any article they do not consider worthy.

It is not competent for the Judges to rectify errors in entering articles for exhibition.

Parties entering articles under the wrong class must suffer the loss of their prizes.

Discretionary prizes are fixed; first, at 5s., second at 2s. 6d.

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THE FIRST EXHIBITION

*Will be on Wednesday, the 20th June, when Premiums
for the undermentioned articles will be awarded:—*

	£	s.	D.
Best half peck Early Pease.....	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	7	6
Best two quarts do	0	5	0
Best quart French Beans.....	0	7	6
Second best do do	0	5	0
Best one quart Early Kidney Potatoes, open air....	0	7	6
Second best do do do do	0	5	0
Best one quart do do do under glass..	0	7	6
Best do round, open air.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best Green Flesh Melon, not less than 16 ozs, ripe..	0	10	0
Best Melon of any other sort, ripe	0	7	6
Best brace of Cucumbers.....	0	10	0
Second do do	0	5	0
Best half dozen Early White Turnips	0	5	0
Best do do Yellow do	0	5	0
Best dozen Carrots, open air	0	5	0
Best do Stalks Rhubarb.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best three Early Cabbages	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best half dozen Lettuce.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best pint of Strawberries	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best variety do	0	7	6
Best dozen Onions (Fall sown).....	0	5	0
Do do (Spring).....	0	5	0
Best dozen Onions (Potato).....	0	5	0
Best peck Spinach	0	5	0
Best bunch curled Parsly	0	5	0
*Best six Hybrid perpetual Roses, named ...	0	10	0
Second do do do do	0	5	0

* All Roses to be exhibited with foliage.

	£	s.	D.
Best six Summer Roses, named,	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best six tender Roses.....	0	7	6
Best general variety of Roses, named.....	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	7	6
Best twelve Pansies, sorts.....	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	6
Best twelve Pinks, do	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best do trusses Sweet Williams.....	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	2	6
Best six do Verbenas (sorts).....	0	7	6
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best do Geraniums, in pots, (sorts)	0	10	0
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best single specimen.....	0	5	0
Best six Calceolarias	0	5	0
Best twelve Greenhouse Plants	0	15	0
Best six do do	0	7	6
Best do Fuchsias.....	0	10	0
Second do do	0	5	0
Best single specimen do	0	5	0
Best three Cottage Plants, in flower	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best specimen do do	0	5	0
Best six spikes Flowering Shrubs.....	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	2	6
Best six Balsams, in pots.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best bouquet of Flowers, most tastefully arranged .	0	7	6
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best Floral design.....	0	12	6
Second do do	0	7	6
Third do do	0	5	0
Best twelve annuals.....	0	7	6
Best variety of hardy climbing Shrubs, in flower... .	0	7	6
Best six specimens of Native Flowers	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0

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Best 12 Dessert Apples, in best state of preservation	0	7	6
Best twelve Baking Apples, do do do	0	7	6
Best dish of Cherries.....	0	5	0

SPECIAL PRIZES.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Duncan A. MacNabb's prize for the best variety of Sweet Williams.....	0	10	0
Messrs. Thompson & Murray's Prize for the best three Seedling Plants, in flower.....	0	10	0
Mr. Fearman's prize for best design in rustic work, applicable to seats or vases, as well as models..	1	5	0

Should the Committee deem it advisable, due notice will be given of a

SECOND EXHIBITION,

on Wednesday, the 18th July, when Premiums for the undermentioned articles will be awarded.

	£	s.	d.
Best twelve Carnations (varieties).....	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Piccotees do	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	6
Best twelve Pinks, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best variety of Roses.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best and greatest variety of Verbenas.....	0	7	6
Best twelve do do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Dahlias, varieties	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Hollyhocks do	0	7	6

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Best six Hollyhocks, varieties.....	0	5	0
Best twelve Phloxes, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Annuals, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Stocks, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Native Flowers, varieties	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	6
Best variety of Native Flowers, cultivated.....	0	7	6
Best variety of Herbaceous Plants, in flower	0	7	6
Second best do do do	0	5	0
Best variety of Greenhouse Plants, in flower	0	10	0
Second best do do do	0	7	6
Best three Cottage Plants, in flower	0	7	6
Best single specimen	0	5	0
Best half peck Pease.....	0	5	0
Second do	0	2	6
Best quart French Beans.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best half peck Kidney Potatoes.....	0	2	6
Best do Round do	0	2	6
Best three Early York Cabbage.....	0	5	0
Best three Cabbage any other sort	0	5	0
Best three Cauliflower.....	0	7	6
Second do	0	5	0
Best six Beets	0	5	0
Best six Turnips	0	5	0
Best pint Cherries.....	0	5	0
Best assortment of Cherries, a pint of each... ..	0	7	6
Second best do do do	0	5	0
Best quart Ripe Gooseberries.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best pint do	0	2	6
Best quart Red Currants	0	5	0
Best do White do	0	5	0
Best do Black do	0	5	0
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0 7 6	Best six Apricots.	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best six Early Apples, (ripe)	0 5 0
0 7 6	Best six Early Pears, (do.)	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best Tomatoes.	0 7 6
0 5 0	Second do	0 5 0
0 2 6	Best two Green Flesh Melons.	0 5 0
0 7 6	Best two any other Melon.	0 2 6
0 7 6	Best two Water Melons.	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best brace Cucumbers.	0 5 0

SPECIAL PRIZE.

0 10 0	Mr. Bruce's Prize for the best six varieties of Pease	
0 7 6	two quarts of each.	0 10 0

THE THIRD EXHIBITION

Will be on Wednesday, the 5th September, when Premiums for the undermentioned Articles will be awarded, subject to the same regulations as the June Show:—

£ s. d.		£ s. d.
0 5 0	Best half-peck of Pease	0 5 0
0 5 0	Second do do	0 2 6
0 5 0	Best quart French Beans	0 5 0
0 5 0	Second do do	0 2 6
0 7 6	Best quart Lima Beans	0 7 6
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0 7 6	Best two Green Flesh Melons	0 5 0
0 5 0	Second do do	0 2 6
0 2 6	Best two Melons of any other sort.	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best six Horn Carrots.	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best do Garden do., any other kind	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best do Parsnips.	0 5 0
0 2 6	Second do do	0 2 6

Best dozen Red Onions.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best do Yellow do	0	5	0
Best quart Silver Skin Pickling Onions, (small)....	0	5	0
Second do do do (do)....	0	2	6
Best three varieties of Squash, (two of each)	0	5	0
Best half-dozen Sweet Corn.....	0	5	0
Best dozen White Garden Turnips.....	0	5	0
Best do Yellow do	0	5	0
Best three Garden Blood Beets.	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Cauliflower,	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best three heads Broccoli.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Savoys.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Winter Cabbage.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Red do	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Scotch Rail.....	0	5	0
Best six roots Red Celery.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best six roots White Celery.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best dozen Tomatoes.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best quart pickling Cucumbers.....	0	5	0
Best do do Gherkins.....	0	5	0
Best dozen Capsicums	0	5	0
Best half dozen Salsify.....	0	5	0
Best three Fruit White Egg Plant.....	0	5	0
Second do Purple do	0	5	0
Best six Ribstone Pippin Apples	0	5	0
Best six Fall Pippin Apples.	0	5	0
Best six Rambo.....	0	5	0
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Best half dozen Pansies	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	5
Best three Cockscombs	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best half dozen Spikes of Balsams	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best dozen do Stocks	0	7	6
Best half dozen do do	0	5	0
Best dozen China Asters (sorts)	0	5	0
Best half dozen do do	0	5	0
Best do Hollyhocks, (sorts)	0	7	6
Best dozen Annuals	0	5	0
Best do Greenhouse Plants, in flower	0	15	0
Best half dozen do do	0	10	0
Best half dozen varieties Native Flowers, cultivated	0	7	6
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best Bouquet of Flowers, most tastefully arranged	0	7	6
Best six Fuchsias	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best three Cottage Plants, in flower	0	5	0
Best Floral design	0	15	0
Best Basket of Vegetables, best and greatest variety	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	5	0

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Mr. Pring's prize for the best collection of Native Plants and Shrubs, in flower	0	10	0
Mr. R. Osborne's prize for the best and greatest variety of Tomatoes	0	10	0
Dr. Craigie's prize for the best collection of Botanical specimens, (not fewer than 25) of Native Flowers, pasted, and named	0	10	0

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0	7	6	Mr. I. Buchanan's, for the best collection of Peaches.	1	0	0
0	5	0	Mr. Holton's, for the best variety of Plums, named, not less than 6 kinds and 3 of each kind.....	1	0	0
0	5	0	Mr. Bruce's, for the 6 heaviest heads of Cabbage....	1	0	0
0	7	6	Mr. Freeman's, for a basket of Dessert Fruit, best and greatest variety, and most tastefully arranged.	1	0	0
0	5	0	Mr. John Brown's, for the best variety of Hardy Roses, not less than twelve.....	1	0	0
0	15	0	Mr. Archibald Kerr's, for the best variety of Apples, three of each kind, named.....	1	0	0
0	10	0	Mr. Juson's, for the best variety of Pears, three of each kind.....	1	0	0
0	7	6	Mr. Mc.Laren's, for the best variety of hardy Grapes, not less than three clusters.....	1	0	0
0	5	0	Mr. ———'s, for the six best heads of Celery.....	1	0	0
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