

Nova Scotia Horticultural Society which started the gardens in Halifax which became the Public Gardens.

STATUTES OF NOVA SCOTIA 1837 cap. 7 - An Act for the encouragement of the N. S. Horticultural Society. The Society intends to found a Garden in the Western Suburbs of the Town of Halifax to create a taste for Horticultural pursuits on a piece of land $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres, originally part of the Common of Halifax and now leased in lots for annual rent. The Act compels the Commissioners of Commons to rent land to them and exempts the Society from paying rent for this land. See also ASSEMBLY JOURNAL 1837 No. 47 Petitions and the petition in PANS Assembly Petitions 1837.

JOURNAL OF ASSEMBLY 1846 App. 60 - N. S. Horticultural Society was established in August, 1836. The Society have, for the purpose of encouraging a taste for Botany and Horticulture, expended in the City of Halifax, to the end of 1845, about £850. William Lahie (or Lahy), the lessee of the property, has spent about £400 personally. A fire has destroyed Lahie's Hothouse, with about a loss of £400, including choice plants. The Assembly decided to grant the Society £25 to replace by importation some of the valuable plants. also STATUTES OF N. S. 1847 cap. 54 - Society was incorporated.



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Nova Scotia Horticultural Society

Petition to the Assembly, Feb. 21, 1863. Signed by W.A. Black, President,
C. Cogswell, Vice Pres., Edward Binney, Jno. Naylor, J. T.
Twining, George McKenzie.

The Society was established in 1836 and incorporated in
1847.

Although 3000 to 4000 pounds had been spent by the Assembly
previous to the present paid up stock of 4000 pounds - the share-
holders had not only lost their original capital but had not received
one penny's return.

The Society had hoped to sponser Horticultural and Agricul-
tural Exhibitions - but had had insufficient funds.

Another Society for the promotion of Garden and Poultry
exhibitions founded "some years since" had held exhibitions - but
from want of public support had ceased to exist.

In August, 1862, a public meeting at Halifax decided that
agricultural and horticultural products of Nova Scotia should be
sent to the Exhibition in London - to help overcome "the ignorance
so long existing in England respecting our soil and climate, as
well as our general resources", ~~etc~~

This was done - after first holding an exhibition in Halifax
and then sending the winning exhibits to the International Exhibit
in London. Nova Scotian products in London received several medals,
the highest honour of the Royal Agricultural Society going to the
apples of the province.

The petitioners now want an annual exhibition of Fruit,
Cereals and Vegetables to be held in their Gardens in Halifax - They
will pay the expenses of the exhibits if the Assembly will provide
for the prizes. They will also pay the expenses of shipping prize
articles to London

They suggest that "more care should be taken in the manner
in which fruit is put up for exportation and would recommend the ap-
pointment of inspectors, as the too careless mode of exportation,
would, if continued, tend to deteriorate the high estimation in
which it is now held abroad".



NOVA SCOTIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

1836
Established 1837. Incorporated 1847.

BYE-LAWS

REVISED AT A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY,

Held at the Merchants' Exchange Room, on the 10th April, 1854.

I.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

There shall be *two General Meetings* of the Society in each year, viz.:—on the *third Tuesday* in April, and *second Tuesday* in October.

II.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED.

The *Officers of the Society* shall consist of a *President—a Vice President—a Treasurer—a Corresponding and Recording Secretary*, and *five Directors*, who shall be elected annually at the General Meeting in April, by open Vote, or (if required by three of the Members present) by Ballot—and shall continue in office for one year, and until others are installed in their stead.

III.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Society may at any time be called by the President, or in his absence by the Vice President, upon a *requisition signed by ten of the Shareholders*, stating the purpose of calling the Meeting—and notice thereof shall be given to each Member at least three days previous—and no subject shall be entertained at such Meeting but that for which it is called.

IV.

QUESTIONS AT MEETINGS HOW DETERMINED.

All Questions which come before a General or Special Meeting, (except such as relate to the alteration of a fundamental Rule,) shall be determined by the sense of a majority of the *Shareholders* present—and the manner of voting shall be by *ballot, if required*. When the numbers are equal the President or Chairman of the Meeting shall have a *casting vote*. Provided only, that if the subject matter entertained at such Meeting relate to the borrowing or expenditure of Monies, such vote shall be given in the negative.

V.

QUORUM TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

Six Shareholders, exclusive of the presiding Officer, shall be a *quorum* for the transaction of business at all Meetings of the Society, except that for the Annual *Election of Officers*, when not less than *thirteen* Shareholders must be present.

VI.

CONDUCTING BUSINESS AT MEETINGS.

The order of *conducting business* at the Annual and General *Meetings* shall be proceeded with in the following manner, viz.: the reading the records of the last Meeting and Requisition for calling the present Meeting, if any,—Reports of Committees, Treasurer's Accounts, Communications, deferred and new business, and Elections.

VII.

DUTY OF DIRECTORS.

It shall be the duty of the President, Vice President and Directors to have an oversight and general

supervision of the *Affairs of the Society*—to have charge of the *Society's Garden*, Buildings and other property, and employ a person or persons to take care of the same—they shall examine and *audit* the *Treasurer's Accounts*, and present the same to the Society at their General and Special Meetings—and *submit* all *estimates* and statements of the contemplated expenditures and operations for the current or ensuing year, with a *Report* signed by the Chairman, of their transactions from the last previous Meeting—and from time to time shall *establish such rules* and regulations for their *own internal management* and care of the Garden and other property of the Society, as they may deem necessary.

VIII.

EXPENDITURE OF MONEY APPROPRIATED.

The President, Vice President and Directors shall expend, *for the sole use and benefit of the Institution*, all sums of money from time to time appropriated by the Society. All accounts against the Society shall be submitted to them, and when approved of by them, shall be signed by the Chairman as authority for the Treasurer to pay the same.

IX.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary Members may be elected by the Society at any General Meeting, who shall have the privilege of free access to the Garden and Library.

X.

HONORARY VISITORS.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Admiral and Navy Officers on the Station, General Commanding, and Commandant and Officers of the Garrison, the Honourable the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen, (and their families), shall be "*ex-officio*," during their continuance in office, Honorary visitors of the Garden Establishment.

XI.

SEASON TICKETS.

Tickets of admission *to the Gardens for the Season*, may be issued to Visitors and their families on application being first made to the President, Vice President and Directors, and payment of such Subscription, and complying with such regulations as shall be established by them.

XII.

ALLISON HONORARY VISITORS.

In order to perpetuate the *memory of the late Honorable Joseph Allison*, who at the formation of this Society, conveyed as a gift to the Institution the lease of two of the Common Lots, his Widow, *Mrs. Allison and her family*, during her life shall be considered *Honorary Visitors of the Garden Establishment*.

Digital copy of CR53, Nova Scotia Horticultural Society fonds, provided by Halifax Municipal Archives

XIII.

STOCK CERTIFICATES.

Each Shareholder shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer a *Stock Certificate of each* and every *Share* held by him or her—which shall be numbered in rotation and signed by the President, and impressed with the Seal of the Society—and shall also be furnished with a copy of the Rules of the Society.

XIV.

TRANSFER OF SHARES.

Every Shareholder who has paid up all subscriptions, and dues, shall be at liberty to sell or dispose of his or her Share under the following regulations: The Shareholder shall attend in person at the Office of the Treasurer, and surrender the stock certificate so intended to be transferred, and sign the Transfer Book in token thereof—or shall depute in writing some person to effect such transfer in his or her stead, who shall deposit such deputation and Stock Certificate with the Treasurer—and thereupon the Treasurer shall issue a fresh Stock Certificate, bearing the same number to the person so entitled thereto. Provided always, that every Shareholder, desiring to transfer, shall previously submit the name of the person to whom he desires to transfer the Share, to the Directors in writing, and obtain their approval, and entry of the same in the Books of the Society.

XV.

VOTING BY PROXY.

Any Shareholder claiming to vote for another by proxy, shall previous to his so doing deliver to the Secretary in writing his authority therefor.

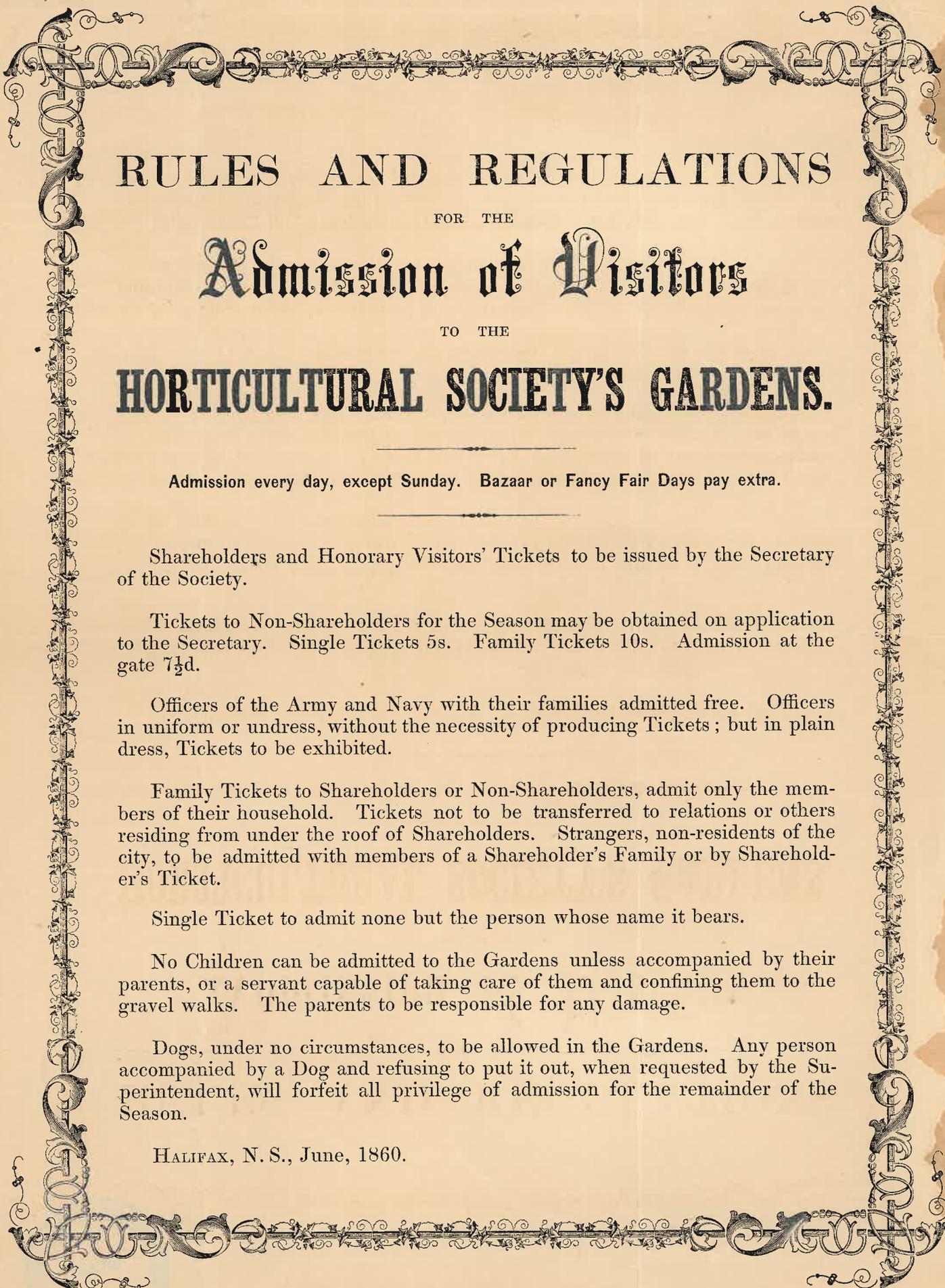
XVI.

BYE-LAWS ALTERED OR REPEALED.

No Bye-Law of the Society shall be suspended, repealed, varied, or annulled, nor a new one carried into force without being approved of by at least *two-thirds of the Shareholders* present at the Meeting, expressly summoned for that purpose, and not less than three days notice given that such Law will be taken into consideration.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

Admission of Visitors

TO THE

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS.

Admission every day, except Sunday. Bazaar or Fancy Fair Days pay extra.

Shareholders and Honorary Visitors' Tickets to be issued by the Secretary of the Society.

Tickets to Non-Shareholders for the Season may be obtained on application to the Secretary. Single Tickets 5s. Family Tickets 10s. Admission at the gate 7½d.

Officers of the Army and Navy with their families admitted free. Officers in uniform or undress, without the necessity of producing Tickets; but in plain dress, Tickets to be exhibited.

Family Tickets to Shareholders or Non-Shareholders, admit only the members of their household. Tickets not to be transferred to relations or others residing from under the roof of Shareholders. Strangers, non-residents of the city, to be admitted with members of a Shareholder's Family or by Shareholder's Ticket.

Single Ticket to admit none but the person whose name it bears.

No Children can be admitted to the Gardens unless accompanied by their parents, or a servant capable of taking care of them and confining them to the gravel walks. The parents to be responsible for any damage.

Dogs, under no circumstances, to be allowed in the Gardens. Any person accompanied by a Dog and refusing to put it out, when requested by the Superintendent, will forfeit all privilege of admission for the remainder of the Season.

HALIFAX, N. S., June, 1860.

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Memoranda respecting the Horticultural Society

The Amendment applied for last Session, made the Capital
Stock, 150 Shares, at £10 per share. . . £1500
£975 has been then paid at £1350
£525 " " to be further called for 900

It was expected ^{that} to bring the whole ground into Cultivation
and improvement, it would cost at the least £2500
The House rejected this application, and only made the Capital
£1350 and allowed the Society to borrow to that
amount and to forfeit the Shares of defaulters who refused
to pay their dues

Now the Society had (when that Amendment passed)
already borrowed £1700 but as it was the last day of the
Session, no explanation could be given or attraction made
and the Society took the Act as it was for the sake of the chance
of "compelling" defaulters to pay

The whole Garden being now brought under Cultivation, and
the debts in all amounting to £2500. The Society wishes
to borrow £800 more by loan Certificates at six per cent
interest of 4m. (Stock to be paid off in six years) of this
amount £400 is already subscribed and the remaining
£400 will be taken ~~pro rata~~ ^{pro rata} when the present Amendment
passes

Borrowed:
 from Mr Murdoch £1000
 on loan - - - - - 700
 further sum now required } 600
 by Mr Mendis to let. - }
£ 2300

Capital stock Paid by the } 1250
 Shareholders. - }
£ 3550



papers. — The security of the Property is considered ample for this amount of Debt, and also to the Shareholders for the present Capital Stock as Collateral Security for loans. The individual liability of Shareholders remains for all debts of the Company, and authority by an Act of the Legislature to borrow is only sought, because, being a Corp Company it better satisfies the party lending the Money to see the privilege sanctioned by Law.

The Shareholders will not suffer the Debt even to accumulate over £2500.

The heaviest expenses are now got over and they become increasing. The value of the Property & Stock becoming every year more valuable, and the expenditure for labour & expensing thus the Society anticipates, after this year, to lay by a fund for paying off part of the debts.

Value of Property

11 half-acre lots (leased 999 years) purchased by the Society, and valued at £185	£2035. " "
3 Acre, besides, is enclosed & cultivated, held in <u>suppance</u> as a Hort. Garden only	
Buildings — Hall £250, Hot House, £300	} 800 " "
2 Dwelling House, £200 Barn £50	
Stock on hand of Inventory Trees, Shrubs, Plants	} 1200. " "
Horses, Carts, &c &c &c	
	<hr/> £4035. " "

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Nova Scotia Horticultural Society,

Halifax, 9 Sept 1861

I have enclosed to The Mayor the Adj
Journals, a brief statement of the affairs of
the Society, and its prospects, with a
Copy of the Rules and Regulations, to
be taken care of, in this respect to the Board
Exhibitors for the Exhibition, as the
Chief feature being interested to Mr. J.
a desire to allude to the affairs of the Garden.
Mr. S. Mackay at my side I am in
doing so.



Arthur
Gardner
31st Nov 1971

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Arthur's file & notes
re Arthur's work

Halifax Jan 10/92

Mr Wm Young

10/1	To Horticultural Gardens	
Nov 4	4 Ornamental Trees	\$3.20
" 5	1 Begonias	0.45
" "	1 Salvia	0.50
" "	Loan of plants	0.50
" 22	100 Lettuce plants	0.20
" "	50 Cyniferous plants	0.35
Jan 9	12 Geraniums aported	1.50
" "	12 Geraniums scarlet	1.50
" "	12 Verbenas scarlet	1.00
" "	6 Verbenas aported	0.50
" "	6 Calceolaria	0.60
" 20	6 Canary Birds	0.30
" "	3 Geraniums	0.30
" "	2 Lobelia	0.10
" "	12 Nasturtias	0.15
" "	portulaca	0.15
" "	1 Tradescantia	0.10
" "	1 Saxifraga	0.10
		<u>\$11.80</u>

paid
for Hutton's
pro Society

Jan 17/92

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Syracuse, N. Y., May, 1872.

Dear Sir:

The Trees you ordered of
us will be delivered as specified at
Falands Wharf. on Lower Water Street,
about May 20th on arrival Boston Stm'r.

(UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS EXCEPTED.)

As we have other deliveries immedi-
ately following this which we must meet
also, you will please be there precisely
ON THAT DAY to receive your Trees.

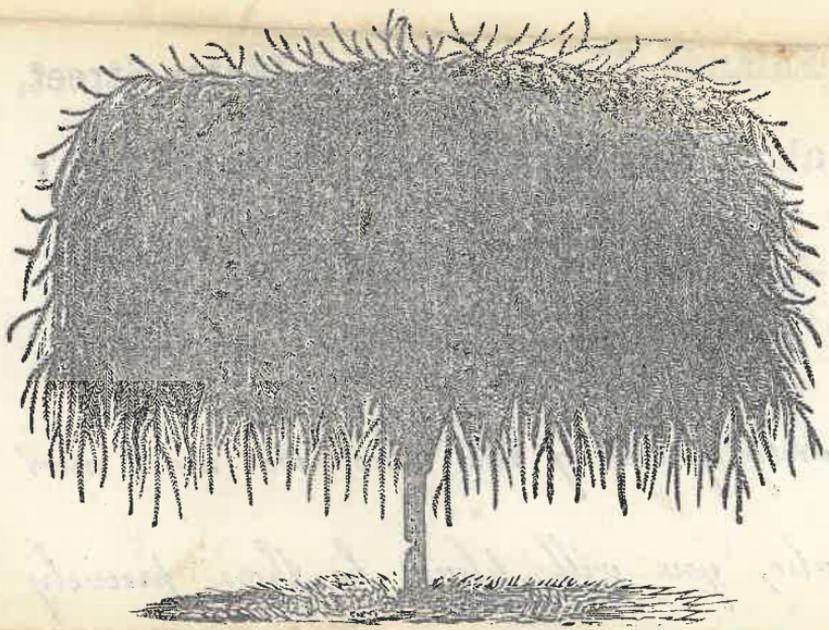
Terms Cash.

Yours Truly,

SMITH, CLARK & POWELL.

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SMITH, CLARK & POWELL



Public Gardens
Dec 10th 1874

Lady Young
To Committee of Common

1 Bushel of Artichokes

Paid Geo Craig

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\$1.00



Lady Young
1874
Smith
Green

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Halifax N.S.

1876
June 30th 1876

Dear William Gomez,
to Horticultural Society

1876
June 12

3000 Snapdragons 4 ⁴	4" Geraniums 36	98
300 Stocks 45 ⁴	3000 Hebeas 45 ⁴	90
300 Portulaca 45 ⁴	300 Calliopsis 45 ⁴	90
300 Blue of Helian		1.50
		\$ 4.28

1876
July 18

Received payment
of \$4.28
from Horticultural Society

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Society Inc

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Memo from Journals -
May 2 1892

1 Weeping Ash
4 Mountain Ash

3 Limes

2 Golden Pycnones

4 Dark Pycnones

1 pine

1 Scarlet Thorn

2 Laburnum

lifted by J Gray - planted
by J Whittory Jr and M Young
and Gray -

May 17 2 Mountain Ash
ordered by Man

June 4 1 Arbor Vitae
ordered by man

J Whittory Jr

Mrs. Gardner
all paid



Messrs. Thomsons & Bellch
will pay you the sum agreed
or at their office

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in garden as settled }

~~\$200~~

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Munro & Co

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Halifax, 12 Decr 1874

Received from Sir Williams Gomp
Two hundred dollars being amount
in full for six pedestals for statues
in garden as settled }



~~\$200~~

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Munn & Co. Inc.

\$200. | 12.12.74

Munn & O'Neill

- 12 dec

1874

Munn & O'Neill



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- 62 Raspberries 2-50
- 63 Strawberries 2-
- 64 Linn's double fl. Almond 2-1-50
- 6 Peach purple leaf 2-5-
- 7 Magnolia 1-50
- 8 Elm American 2-
- 6 Heral White 2-50
- 10 First Juniper 2-
- 13 Two cedars 1-50
- Almond double flower
- 14 Japan Quince white 50
- 16 Weigela white 50
- 17 Strawberry with scalot
- Merby Juniper 75
- Merby Juniper -
- 26 Beauty or Queen of Princes
- Queen of Princes
- Prich of Wrothton
- 31 Hemlock 2-

Catalogue

36 Tea House, Glass
 Sylvan
 #66, Carnations
 67 Tea Chamber
 62 Peaches
 70 Tea House 2
 Clear the House 98
 21 Cester Mops
 45.6 Tea Chamber
 Sweet scented & Green



Brown Cottage
Friday Evening March 15
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My Dear Sir

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The Paper I send herewith, was
sent to me this Evening (a Copy of
which I made, to make it more
legible) by the Secretary & Treasurer
of the Horticultural Society,
with a request that I would hand
it to you, and solicit your friend-
ship and assistance in getting the
Amendment to the Act now before
the Honorable House of Assembly
passed. It is correct statement
read at last Meeting & requesting
your kind interest in the matter you
will greatly oblige. My dear Sir,
Yours sincerely
Hon. Wm Young } J. Williamson
rec'd by H

Memorandum relative to the Horticultural Society,
for the Simonsville the Chief Justice.

This Society was got under way in 1856, established in 1857
and an Act of Incorporation obtained in 1857.

The Ground belongs to the Com. for term of 99 yrs
Here City @ Lots cont. being its continuation. As a Garden
there is no rent payable.

It was maintained at first by an Annual Subscription
of at first 10/6 per share afterwards of 20/ per annum.

A call was made in 1845 of 5/3 per cent subscription
do do in 1848 of 5/ per cent subscription
made by 59. exclusive of the Annual Subscribers, but by those who
first commenced and continued till 1848. From the beginning of the
Society until the collection of the new stock, under the Act of Incorporation
the same money is borrowed a Mortgage on Note, and by issue of \$10,000
Certificates in total to an extent exceeding \$2000.

In 1855 the same death, caused a great blank, and
New-York a great exertion was made by a number of Gentlemen to draw new
Shareholders, and which was to a great extent successful, a debt
still increasing - the Building and fees were repaid & provided by subscription
amongst the Shareholders, notwithstanding the drain previously made by
upon them - The want of encouragement on behalf of a large portion
of the Community - has made the Garden ~~now~~ in the advanced state it
now is. a matter of regret to the Directors ~~which~~ they contemplated in
May

to May part, to see off the white exhibitors, the stock not being
 all taken up - as may move me in the Community, (withholding their aid)
 and it could have been sold off, had not the Ladies undertaken - Parsons,
 which notwithstanding the large outlay, by introducing Gas into the Hall -
 Tent, a scheme highly up the Green. The efforts of the Ladies
 resulted about £350 - and for the fact that with the great number
 visiting the Gardens as no damage having been done, (excepting great credit
 upon the Committee) the Directors were induced to give two Evening Concerts
 by the aid of the Lady, leader of the 63rd Band, to whom the Society is greatly
 indebted - She has been earnestly requested to pay off the debts due
 by the Society -

The stock of the Society is in the sum of £25 each
 some 160 shares @ £25 each - £4000 Capital Stock
 of which 141 shares has been taken up by 114 persons $\frac{3,525}{}$ to be yet disposed of,
 leaving 19 shares of £25 - amounting to £475 to be yet disposed of.
 If this amount were taken up, it would enable the Society to make
 some great improvements in the hot-houses covering the faces etc, as make
 it still more attractive to the Public, the time will be more
 numerous another season, a Museum attached to be placed in the Hall -
 and occasional evening Concerts in the summer, will enrich the entertainments, and
 it is the intention of the Directors to let the Gardens for Parsons,
 during the fair on the 1st to keep up this exhibition, is all the
 Society will have for the debt - to let it be sold or disposed of, would
 be a disgrace to the Community.



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