**Horticultural Society 1893**

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 14 January 1893, page 6**

Thornleigh.

A New Horticultural Society.

Important Meeting.

(FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE.)

On Friday, the 6th instant, an important meeting of horticulturalists, fruit-growers, and others generally interested in the district's progress and welfare, was held at the School of Arts, Thornleigh. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Gambling, and there was a fairly large and a most representative attendance, comprising the following gentlemen: - Messrs. Wilshire, E. Butcher, Joseph Duffy, J. Johnston, J. Boyles, H. Ware, A. Lambert, H. R. Whittell (Sec. of the N.S. Wales Horticultural Society), T. Hudson, G. B. Moran, Andrew Murray, W. Epthorp, and Jake Duffy. A letter received by Mr. G. B. Moran from Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., was read, in which the writer regretted his inability to attend the meeting, and expressed his full sympathy with its objects. Mr. Nobbs enclosed a note - from Messrs. Watkin and Watkin, Sydney, promising hearty co-operation in the matter of the proposed Horticultural Society.

After some slight discussion, in which a thorough feeling of unanimity was manifested, Mr. Whittell proposed, and Mr. G. B. Moran seconded, - "That a Horticultural Society established in this district and that a committee be at once formed to communicate with, to secure the co-operation of the residents of Pennant Hills, Hornsby, Beecroft, Carlingford and surrounding district.”

This proposition was carried unanimously, and Messrs. H. R. Whittell and G. B. Moran were elected as the proposed committee.

Before the meeting separated, some notes prepared by Mr. G. B. Moran were read as the advisability of the prize amounts at the proposed show being made small, so as not to allow the prize to exceed the value of the exhibit, a state of things which had led, in many cases, to monopoly on the part of wealthy me. It had also acted as an inducement to persons to purchase plants and flowers specially to exhibit them, from mercenary motives alone, in order to make money out of the transaction. Discussion ensued and the remarks contained in the notes read were generally endorsed by those present. It was also agreed to make the show a thoroughly representative one by offering every inducement to amateur growers of fruit and flowers. The meeting then adjourned to the 18th inst.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 21 January 1893, page 7**

Thornleigh.

(From our SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Public Meeting.

A Horticultural Society Formed.

On Wednesday evening an adjourned meeting in connection with the proposed Horticultural Society for Thornleigh and surrounding towns was held in the School of Arts, Thornleigh. Unfortunately, a severe thunderstorm occurred about 6 p.m., which, accompanied by very heavy rain, lasted with more or less violence till about 8 o'clock. The attendance was, therefore, comparatively small, many being prevented from putting in an appearance. The following gentlemen attended: Messrs. G. B. Moran, H. Boasley, H. Ebthorpe, W. Morris, B. Duffy, and, later in the evening, Messrs. F. Ware and J. F. Duffy.

Mr. P. Duffy was voted to the chair, but declined the honour, and subsequently Mr. Epthorpe was proposed as chairman by Mr. Moran, and seconded by Mr. Morris, the proceedings commencing at 8.30.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the meeting had been adjourned from the 7th inst., when it was determined to form a Horticultural Association, to include the districts round Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford. It had been decided at the first meeting that Messrs. Moran and Whittle should form a committee to communicate with the people in the localities named.

Mr. Moran reported to the meeting that this had been done, but, probably on account of the Weather, persons from those localities had not put in an appearance. No replies had as yet been received to the letters written, the only result being the presence of Mr. Boasly, who had come all the way from Carlingford. He alluded to the notes he had read at the former meeting, and to the necessity for making the subscription of membership 5s as the minimum; also that prizes should not be very large so as to attract small amateur growers. Mr. Boasly suggested that as Mr. Moran had been the shining light of the proposed association, he should give it a name. Alter some discussion, Mr. MORAN proposed that the Association be called the Horticultural Association of Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft, and Carlingford.

This was seconded by Mr. P. Duffy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Boasly suggested that copies of the rales of associations be procured as soon as possible, and urged the necessity of electing officers without delay.

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THE good folk of Thornleigh and the surrounding district have just formed a Horticultural Society. The two meetings held for the purpose were marked by a spirit of unanimity, and an evident desire to establish the proposed Society on as firm a footing as possible. To the residents around Beecroft, Pennant Hills, Carlingford, Thornleigh, Hornsby, and other places, the formation of such a society, and the holding of shows at the various centres, should prove beneficial in more senses than one. It is often very difficult for the smaller amateur gardener or fruit-grower to attend, with his family perhaps, the larger shows at some distance from home, or to arrange for the conveyance of exhibits for long distances. Therefore, an annual show in his own immediate vicinity provides a stimulus that would otherwise be lacking, and encourages the modest gardener to make his plot as attractive as possible. A spirit of healthy rivalry is thus encouraged among growers who can meet upon a fair field without being swamped by exhibitors from large orchards, gardens or estates. The larger growers in the vicinity named appear to generously recognise this fact, and altogether, the promoters of the affair appear to have struck the right chord to awaken public sympathy and support. It is by thus encouraging the "day of small things" and making shows, of all descriptions, representative in every sense of the word, that success is assured, and attempts to monopolise certain award limited to a very great extent.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 May 1893, page 8**

Thornleigh-Carlingford Horticultural Association.

The First Show.

Officials. - President: John Nobbs; Vice-Presidents: G. B. Moran, J. W. Watkin, Robt. Fisher, Frank H. G. Rogers; Committee: Geo. Boasley, T. G. Dole, A. Murray, Thos. Hudson, Phil. Hockley, Richard Warren, W. Morris, Patrick Duffy, Jno. F. Duffy, H. Fear; Trustees: - A. Lorenzini, Jos. Duffy; lion Treasurer: E. Wilshire; Hon. Secretary: H, Epthorp.

Judges: Section 1, Messrs. C. Gibbs and B. Gallard; section 2, Mrs. A. Leamonth, Mr. E. Atkins, jun.; section 3, Mr. Z. Bellamy; section 4, Mrs. G. Mclntosh and Mrs. Osborn. Stewards. - Section 1, Messrs. H. R. Fear and P. Duffy; section 2. Messrs. T. G. Dole and. T. Hudson: Section 3, Messrs. P. Hockley and K. Warren; section 4, Messrs. G. Boasley and A. Murray.

The longest-titled association in the colony – the Thornleigh, Carlingford, Hornsby, Pennant Hills and Beecroft Horticultural Association - hold its inaugural show in the School of Arts, Thornleigh, on Tuesday last, under very favourable and promising circumstances. In their modesty, the executive of the Association desired to hide their light under a bushel and would not advertise; but although, of course, the attendance was not as large, nor the entries so numerous as they must undoubtedly have been, had there been a judicious use say of the business columns of the Argus, nevertheless both were sufficient to satisfy the energetic officers and encouraging enough to lead them to expect big things in the future. About 230 entries wero received, which was not at all bad considering there were only 36 classes. Delightful weather also favoured the Association's first effort - in fact, everything smiled on them, from the beaming countenance of George McCredie to the rippling glances of the pretty girls of the district. Judging, too, by the smiles of the officers, they were all on good terms with themselves. Mr. Boasley was a perfect blaze of glory in his array of the broadest of broad smiles. Mr. Dole, was like a full-fledged mandarin out with his girl — his serio-comic grin extended from ear to ear. Even Mr Moran threw off a merry twinkling under his eye-lids, and the secretary (Mr. Epthorp) would undoubtedly have smiled, had he had time. Anybody would think from the manner in which we have gone into the smiling, business in this introduction that it was a show of smiles and we were judge. You see, we like to be a little bit out of the ordinary in dishing up our reports. But to get along with the show. The district turned out to a man, a woman and a child. Mr. McCredie, M.P., was early on the scene to make the acquaintance of his constituents, and as he was present about an hour before the opening ceremony commenced, we think it would have been a graceful thing to have asked him to declare the show open. Not that Mr. Boasley did not perform that duty well. We believe there was only one other that could possibly have performed it better — and that was ourselves; but seeing that Mr. Boasley has an opportunity to speak so often at the Fruitgrowers' Union meetings, he might have given Mr. McCredie a show. Mr. Benson, the fruit expert of the Department of Agriculture, was also present, as was Mr. Nobbs, the cast-off of the constituency, Mr. James Purser, the speculative member of Parliament, was also very much in evidence with his good lady, and Mr. Alderman Franks, Mr. C. Gibbs, Mr. Ted. Atkins, Mr. Phil. Hockley (who couldn't miss a show if he tried), our old friend Bill Duffy, and the mighty army of the Duffy's, with a sprinkling of the once great Higgins’s, who used to make things lively in the old “Independent” days — all the nobility of the district, in fact, were there.

Space in the hall was rather limited, and it was a bit awkward for a man like Phil. Hockley to get past the tables; but this and other trifles will be remedied by the Association next go. The whole display was highly credible. The fruit was particularly fine. Fagan and Sons had a big display and W. H. Allen was again to the fore; but the men round about Hornsby showed that they know how to grow fruit, as was demonstrated in the class for oranges, in which the judges awarded Mr. Higgins a first prize, as well as Pagan and Sons. Anyone that can tie Fagan and Sons in oranges is in the front rank of citrus growers. Fagan and Sons had some of their splendid old crop oranges on exhibition and all the others were new crop, so that the judges had to split them Mr. Epthorp, the secretary, had really a magnificent collection of pot plants, and the display of preserves, jams and jellies formed a pretty picture on the stage.

The opening ceremony took place at about 1.30, in the presence of a good number of people. Mr. Boasley (who worked so hard to make the Association and the show a success) was deputed with the honor, by his fellow-committee-men, of declaring the show open.

Mr. Boasley said the duty was a very pleasing one. He was sure the display in the hall was a credit to the district from which it had come, and would be a credit to any district in the colony. (Hear, hear.) He had been to some shows recently, but had not seen better collections of fruit. Some had said it was too late in the season to hold a show, but it did not look like it, and it was evident the growers had kept the fruit on their trees or packed them in sawdust. The object of the Association was to induce their young men to take an intelligent interest in horticulture, in the tilling of the soil and the garnering of the fruit. If they could induce their young men to come forward in that way, they would accomplish something to be proud of. He announced the objects of the Association as follows: - The holding of meetings for the exhibition and examination of plants, fruit and vegetables, and such other articles as the Committee shall determine; the reading and publication of essays and lectures and other information connected therewith; the holding of periodical exhibitions at such times and places as may by the Committee be deemed most suitable; the establishment of relations with societies having similar objects in view; the encouragement of the application of science to the general purposes of Horticulture; and by such other means as by the Committee may be considered advisable. He had much pleasure in declaring the show now open. (Applause.) The band did not play “God Save the Queen,” because it was not there; but next time ------

**Australian Star (Sydney, NSW: 1887 - 1909), Thursday 15 June 1893, page 4**

SUMMARY.

The Governor has become patron of the Hornsby, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 17 June 1893, page 6**

The Governor's Patronage.

H„ T., P. H., B. and C. Horticultural Association.

Mb. T. G. Dole, the acting secretary of the Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association, is in receipt of a letter from the Private Secretary to his Excellency the Governor, intimating that Sir Robert Duff has consented to become the Patron of the Society.

The following is a copy of Mr. Galston's communication: - “Government House, Sydney, June 12th, 1893. Sir, - His Excellency is pleased to become the Patron of your Horticultural Society, And he wishes you very much success in your efforts for the promotion of horticulture. - Yours, etc.,

Arthur Golston.

**The Cumberland Mercury, Sat 8 Jul 1893**

Hornsby T., P. H., B. and C. Horticultural Association.

Regular Meeting.

A Successful Gathering.

 A MEETING of the Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association, was held in the School of Arts, Hornsby, last Wednesday evening. Mr. G. B. Moran, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. G. Boasley, T. Hudson, R. Warren, G. E. Higgins, Wm. Jenner, G. A. Lambert, T. Salmon, and J. T. Way.

The CHAIRMAN briefly explained the object of the meeting, which was held in accordance with Rule 11. This provided for a monthly exhibition of plants, flowerers and fruit, and discussions thereon, and for the reading and discussion of essays or papers. An apology was made for the absence of Mr. Fear.

Mr. Hudson, Beecroft, showed two samples of early rose potatoes. By reading in the papers a statement to the effect that a Frenchman, by peculiar treatment, had succeeded in producing 42 tons of potatoes to the acre, he resolved to make the experiment. With each sample he had used No. 5 Sugar Co.’s manure; but one lot was treated with a solution of ammonia and nitrate of potash. Mr. Hudson was inclined to the belief that good would result from such treatment, but admitted he had not given the plants very careful cultivation. For a late crop the sample was very creditable.

Mr. Moran, of Pennant Hills, (for the Beecroft Nursery Company,) showed a handsome collection of Lisbon lemons, and explained that they were an average sample of a consignment which he was now curing at Beecroft prior to being shipped to San Francisco, next Monday, also some oranges, including Washington Navel, Parson Brown, and Mediterranean Sweet. They were all the products of trees imported from San Francisco about four years ago. These fruits were much admired, as indeed they deserve to be. With reference to the lemons, Mr. Moran said that Mr. Boasley had assured him that the lemons were now only worth about three shillings per case in the market. He thought that price far too low for such fruit, and hoped to do better in San Francisco; at any rate, the experiment was worth trying. The Mediterranean Sweet orange was sweet at all times, a handsome fruit, and had the further advantage of being thornless. The trees had been very expensive to obtain, and arrived in very bad condition. The grafting had been done on heavy stocks, which carried very few roots, and the rooting had to be accomplished in hot beds. He was doubtful whether the result of his experiment, in this direction, would be commensurate with the expense and trouble involved.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 8 July 1893, page 4**

Local and General.

The Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association, though only about six months old, is absolutely out of debt, has over 100 members, has held one show, and has a credit balance of over £22. An interesting feature in the working of the H. T. PH. B. & C. Horticultural Association is the exhibition by members of all kinds of articles of horticultural interest, which, if considered worthy of notice by the members present, are awarded a neatly printed certificate of merit.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Wednesday 12 July 1893, page 2**

THERE are two other organisations of a somewhat similar character in the county, one on the northern, the other on the southern side of the river, - the two horticultural societies embracing, one the northern railway districts from Pennant Hills to Hornsby, and the other Auburn and Rookwood. Both these societies are yet in the earlier stages of existence, but each has, in its own way, already done a large amount of good. As the management is in the hands of men of tact and ability, who work together, and as the leaven of petty jealousy is not likely to obtrude itself, there is great reason to hope that the future results of the two societies' operations will be still more beneficial than those of the present day.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 19 August 1893, page 8**

Beecroft.

Meeting. - On Saturday, the. 19th inst., the committee meeting of the Hornsby, T.P.H.B. and C. Horticultural Association will be held at Mr. Moran's residence, when it is intended to arrange to give prizes for competition at the monthly meetings of the Association,

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Saturday 16 September 1893, page 9**

The Horticultural Society of New South Wales and the suburban Horticultural Societies have combined together for the purpose of holding a spring flower show on an extended scale in the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, on October 24 and 25.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 28 October 1893, page 3**

Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Saturday night last, at the residence of Mr. G. B. Moran, Pennant Hills, was held the adjourned meeting of the Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft and Carlingford Horticultural Association.

Business was commenced at 7-30 sharp, when Vice-President Moran took the chair, and there were also present—Messrs. Boasley, Duffy, H. B. Fear, P. Hockley, G. E Hooke, T. Hudson, Murray and Ray. In the unavoidable absence of the Secretary (Mr. H. Epthorp), Mr. Geo. Boasley was elected secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the

CORRESPONDENCE

was dealt with. This included letters from: Mr. F G. Rogers, of Castle Hill, pointing

out that the tents used al the last Castle Hill show were obtained from Mr. Dudley, of Sydney. The cost of hiring them for five days was between £9 and £10, the society having to find men to assist in erecting and taking them down. Mr. Rogers expressed his willingness to - if agreeable to the association - attend the next monthly meeting, and afford any assistance at his command. The offer was received with thanks, and an appropriate reply ordered to be sent to Mr. Rogers.

From Mr. R. C. Wilshire, resigning his position as hon. treasurer, on account of leaving the district. — Received.

PROMISED PRIZES.

Offers to give special prizes at the forthcoming show were received from the following, viz.—Messrs. O. Bennett, roses; S. Purchase, pot plants; Shepherd and Co., flowering seeds; Milner and Smith, seeds or plant; Messrs. Thorpe and Co., bone dust; and J. Black, Manager, MERCURY Office.

Intimations were also received from several business firms, enclosing advertisements for insertion in the show schedule.

FRUIT PESTS BILL.

Mr. Boasley read a communication he had received from the Secretary of the Fruitgrowers' Union, to the effect that a deputation would, on Monday, Oct. 23, wait upon the Hon. Minister for Mines, concerning the Fruit Pests Bill. Ho had been appointed to take part in such deputation, and thought the cause in view would be strengthened if this Association were also represented. If desired, he was willing to represent the Association, but considered that two other members also should be appointed.

The question having been discussed, Mr. Boasley moved, and Mr. Hockley seconded, “That Messrs G. B. Moran and G. E. Hooke be appointed to attend as delegates."—Carried.

SHOW SCHEDULE.

Mr. Murray. as secretary of the sub-committee appointed to draw up a schedule of prizes for the forthcoming show, submitted a report of the committee's labours.

This was read through, and amended in some particulars, chiefly by the insertion of several special prizes, and a few additional classes. As completed, it offered prizes for fruit, trees, pot plants, cut flowers, vegetables, preserves, honey and ben appliances; the value of prizes being something over £30. The schedule was regarded as of a very complete and satisfactory character.

TO RECEIVE ENTRIES.

The necessity of appointing members in different parts of the district to receive entries for the show was next considered; and eventually the following arrangement was agreed to: —Thornleigh—Messrs. H. Epthorp (sec.) and Duffy; Pennant Hills and Beecroft—Mr. Moran (V.P.); Hornsby—Mr. R. H. Fear; Carlingford—Mr. Boasley; and Castle Hill— Mr. F. H. G. Rogers.

TREASURER.

The resignation of Mr. Wilshire from the position of hon. treasurer involved the election of some member to fill the vacancy. Several members present having declined the honour, it was unanimously determined to invite Mr. Alford, of the N.S.W. Bank, Thornleigh, to accept the position, and the matter of communicating with him was left to the secretary; a motion to such effect being moved and seconded by Messrs. Hockley and Murray, respectively. JUDGES AND STEWARDS.

The question of appointing judges caused considerable discussion; some members suggesting that the same gentlemen who undertook the work at last show, be requested to act in similar capacities at the next one. On the other hand, a feeling existed that it would be better, if possible, to obtain the services of different judges. At the same time, it was distinctly pointed out that such opinion by no means implied a reflection upon either the ability or integrity of last year's judges. Eventually, the names of certain ladies and gentlemen were submitted and approved; and the secretary was instructed to invite them to undertake the work. A like course was adopted with regard to the stewards. The meeting considered that as yet it was inadvisable to give publicity to the names of the parties chosen, and press representatives were politely requested, by the chairman, to refrain from doing so.

MORE BUSINESS.

There was much more business to be transacted, but just here the railway whistle of the last train was announced to be sounding at Thornleigh, and as several members had to depart homewards by it, the meeting somewhat suddenly terminated—without the customary vote of thanks (ahem!) to the influential press representatives.

EXHIBITS.

There was quite a little wealth of roses and other flowers exhibited, some of which were certainly very fine. Mr. Moran had on view blooms of twelve distinct roses. Amongst the best of them were—La Rosie (dark damask), Queen of Queens (bright pink), Madam Alfred

Roguemont (white), Louis Van Houtte (bright scarlet shaded), Madame Place, Queen of Denmark, and others, whose names are unknown to this reporter. Mr. Moran also showed handsome collections of phlox Drummondii, phlox Drummondii, dianthus, and a splendid specimen of Bougainvillea glabra. Mr. Boasley showed a collection of roses, which included white moss, Gloire de Dijon, Reine Maris, Henriette, and others. Mr. Boasley also showed a large leaf, which puzzled most of the members present, who allowed that they were not familiar with it. However, it was merely a leaf taken from a two-year-old Isabella grape vine, and measured ten inches across each way.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 25 November 1893, page 4**

Local and General.

CARLINGFORD SHOW SCHEDULE. — The Hornsby. Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft, and Carlingford Horticultural Society has just issued the schedule of prizes for its second show. This interesting event takes piece on the 26th and 27th December, next, at Carlingford, near the railway station; and to it special trains will run at convenient intervals. The schedule offers opportunities for competition in sixty-nine classes representing - Fruit, pot plants, cut flowers, vegetables, preserves, honey and agricultural machinery. The special prize of £1 is for bee appliances, should prove attractive to readers out Rydalmere way. Taken upon the whole, the Association is to be complimented for its labours so far, and the wish is expressed that a successful show may eventuate.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 23 December 1893, page 5**

Local and General.

CARLINGFORD SHOW. - The Hornsby, Thornleigh. Pennant Hills, Beecroft, and Carlingford Horticultural Society's second show takes place on the 26th and 27th inst., at Carlingford, near the railway station; and to it special trains will run at convenient intervals. The schedule offers opportunities for competition in sixty-nine classes representing - Fruit, pot plant, cut flowers, vegetables, preserves, honey, and agricultural machinery.