

The total number of prizes offered at the September show was as follows:—Plants and flowers, \$762.75; apples, pears, plums and out-door grapes, \$403; hothouse grapes, peaches, nectarines, &c., \$118; vegetables, \$232.75; honey, \$22. Of this amount \$1,260.75 was awarded and \$1,227.75 paid, leaving \$33 unclaimed up to this date, but which will probably be claimed later on, as in other years. The total amount of prizes therefore paid by this Society since the rendering of the last annual statement amounts to \$1,339.31. It is a matter of very considerable difficulty for the Society to pay so large an amount in prize money in addition to all other expenses without running behind.

The Society has made a gain of about \$60.00 in its operations this year, though the apparent balance in its favour is not so large as last year, but the amount of unpaid liabilities is less. Three things have contributed to this result:—1st, the prudence of the Directors in curtailing the prize list somewhat; 2nd, the large amount collected from members' fees amounting to \$1,773.00, and being \$119.00 in excess of the largest amount ever collected in the history of the Society, and 3rd, to the Society's success in obtaining from the Government last January \$200.00 in aid of publishing the Report. The Secretary is particularly indebted to Mr. Lesage, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for the consideration with which he listened to the request and the prompt manner in which it was granted. We have, however, I am sorry to say, no good grounds to expect that we shall receive similar aid this year, and the Society will have to govern itself accordingly.

Your Secretary having now completed his tenth year of office it may not be inappropriate to institute some comparison between the position occupied by the Society the past ten years and the ten years immediately previous. The average membership of the Association from 1864 to 1873 was 173, from 1874 to 1883, 664. Average members' fees collected, \$341, against \$1,317. It should be noted, however, in the year 1872 \$450 was collected in addition from life members, but the money was expended for general purposes instead of being invested as a permanent fund. The total amount of prizes paid from 1864 to 1873 was \$6,657.50; 1874 to 1883, \$9,927.09. It may be noted that in the year 1867 5 per cent. was deducted from the amount of prizes awarded, and in the year 1870 there would seem to have been hardly any prizes paid, only \$22 standing in the books as having been expended for that purpose. In the year 1874 the