

MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held on the 14th December last in the Natural History Society's Rooms, the President, Mr. J. D. Gibb, in the Chair. There was a good attendance of members. The Secretary, Mr. H. S. Evans, read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were approved, and afterwards read

THE ANNUAL REPORT,

as follows :

As is customary at the annual meeting of this Society, I beg to present the following report of its proceedings for the past year: The Society has reason to be thankful and gratified at the satisfactory condition of its affairs; its progress for the last four years has been steady, and for the last two years especially—rapid. The very large number of members who have paid their subscriptions this year, in spite of the great depression, is an evidence of what can be done when proper and systematic efforts are made, and clearly shows that the Society has increased in public favor. The number of subscribers last year was almost four times larger than in any previous year. This large membership has been very nearly maintained the present year, the Society having had 761 paying members on the roll. The labor of collecting from so many is most arduous, and it is hoped that for the coming year the Society may be able to procure the services of some of the members to assist in this work. If the city were divided into sections, in each of which a couple of the members would undertake to canvass for new subscribers, the Society's income and membership would be thereby largely augmented. Complaints are now made that the prizes are not sufficiently large, but in the face of the small amount granted the Society by the Government, in comparison with what is collected from