

REPORT  
OF THE  
FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ABBOTTSFORD.

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Our Association held its third Annual Exhibition of Fruits, Flowers and Vegetables on 25th September last. A fine day brought our fruit-loving friends from far and near until there gathered on our quiet mountain-side at the very least 2,000 persons. That such a wide interest should be manifested in the work of a local Society, is a point that merits our closest attention. It shows a lively interest in Horticultural and Fruit Growing, that only needs to be organized, to show its power for good. It shows that there is a growing yet pressing need for such yearly gatherings of fruit growers with their fruits, at points to which the farmer can drive, and, what is important, take his family with him without incurring the expense of attending a city exhibit.

Of apples there were upon the tables 383 plates, which together with 37 of crab apples, made a total of 430 plates, which was quite equal to that of last year, though the close packing on wide tables, and the leaving of large spaces for collections which were expected but did not arrive, led many to think otherwise. This collection embraced over 60 varieties of more or less known grafted apples, several recently imported varieties appearing on exhibition for the first time in this Province. Of the 22 kinds of crabs, 13 were late importations, showing the kind of experimenting that is being carried on by this Society.

Of Out-door Grapes there were shown but 23 plates, small indeed compared with the year previous, when there were exhibited 23 different varieties and a total of 56 plates.

Our vegetables were meagre enough, for our melons and squashes were badly injured by what is with us so unusual, a late spring frost, and our roots, as the result of the intense drought, were ill-shaped and non-attractive.