

full development; so that it is often impossible to fix upon a suitable time for an Exhibition, with sufficient notice to ensure attendance of competitors or visitors. Such was the difficulty with this Exhibition in July; Roses had already passed their prime. Still there was a considerable competition, and a fine display of Greenhouse Plants, Fruits, and Vegetables. The collection of Strawberries attracted much attention. So far as pecuniary advantage is concerned, the Summer Exhibitions are attended with heavy expenses.

You were again indebted to Mr. Faris for a valuable collection of Indigenous Plants, gathered in the neighborhood of Sorel. Some of these were extremely beautiful, and of great interest to the florist. Your Board would urge more attention to the flora of the country, and suggest prizes for the successful cultivation of Indigenous Plants in gardens.

Your Board received an invitation to unite with the Provincial Agricultural Association in their Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures and Agriculture, in the Crystal Palace; but, finding that the accommodations would not be sufficient for the large display of Horticultural products anticipated, it was decided to hold the Society's Exhibition in the spacious building of the Victoria Skating Club. As the undertaking involved considerable expense, your Board resolved to spare no effort to render it successful. Your Secretary very kindly consented to visit different parts of the country, to have bills posted, prize lists distributed, and notices given, which no doubt contributed to the success of the Exhibition. The work of preparation occupied nearly 15 days. New tables and stands were erected, a fountain in the centre of the Rink was formed, surrounded by a large basin with a green turf border, and tastefully decorated with flowers.

The tables, occupying three times the extent of any former Exhibition, were well filled. One length of the tables (over 70 feet,) was covered with glass cases to preserve the more choice fruits, and sufficient tin plates and vases, painted green, were provided for the whole. The leading objects of the Exhibition were the Grapes, Apples and Pears, but more especially the collection of Pears from Mr. Jas. Dougall, of Windsor, Green House Plants, Vegetables, Asters, Dahlias, Helichrysms, Bouquets.