

shows that the public of Montreal take an interest in really good horticultural work.

EXHIBITIONS.—The annual exhibition was again held in conjunction with the Montreal Exposition Company, and on their grounds. The prize money offered amounted to nearly \$1,800, the largest sum in the history of the society. The number of exhibitors was 75, and of entries 1,320. Of the latter, 121 were in the amateur department. The special feature of the exhibition was the magnificent display of decorative and flowering plants, than which there perhaps never was a finer collection brought together in the city of Montreal. Fruits, especially grapes, were a little backward on account of the wet weather and the comparatively early date of the exhibition. Cut bloom and bedding plants suffered from the severe storm which preceded the exhibition. But, taken as a whole, it was pronounced, by general consent, the best exhibition ever held by the Society. The Directors of the Exposition Company expressed their high appreciation of our efforts and satisfaction at the result.

AMATEUR DEPARTMENT.—I think it is to be regretted that more inducements were not offered to the amateurs, from whom the society derives a large share of its support. With our membership barely maintained, we cannot afford to ignore their claims. In this connection allow me also to say that it might be the privilege of the society to hold monthly meetings (at least during the winter), where the amateurs could meet their professional friends, and where any member desirous of information or assistance could obtain the help of the more experienced. Such a scheme would, I think, increase the popularity as well as the membership of the society. In the meantime any enquiries addressed to me will be placed in the hands of the Director best posted on the subject for his immediate reply.

REPORT.—We have accumulated a large number of valuable papers for our annual report. The manuscripts of these are, and have been for some time, in the hands of the Department of Agriculture at Quebec, where they were sent for perusal, at their request. It is hoped that we will be able to issue the report, brought up to the close of our year, on an early day.

In conclusion, I think we have every reason to feel satisfied with the result of the year's work, especially from a financial point of view. With a continuation of such success, we will very soon be in a position to replace the permanent investments required by the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. WILLIAMSON,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors for the ensuing year, Messrs. Harper and Stocking being appointed scrutineers.