

P R E F A C E .

At the Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, held on the evening of the 22nd December, 1874, the advisability of publishing a fruit list containing the names and varieties of fruits suitable for culture in this section of Canada, was brought before the attention of the meeting by Mr. Chas. Gibb. All present agreed upon the utility of such a list, but no action was taken. At the next annual meeting held on the 13th December, 1875, the matter was again brought before the members with the result of a committee being named to collect all the information possible relative to the culture of different fruits, and the varieties which experience has proved to be best suited to our climate as well as profitable to the grower. The Committee was as follows:—Messrs. J. J. Gibb, Captain Raynes, Capt. Swaile, J. Jordan, S. S. Bain, R. Imrie, J. Middleton, J. S. Murray, M. H. Seymour, Jas. Morgan, jr., Chas. Gibb, J. Archbold, Wm. Brown, J. H. Springle, James Day, and James Gorman.

It affords the Committee of Management of the Society great pleasure to be able to place in the hands of its members and the public generally, the result of their labors. The most exact information has been obtained, and no effort has been spared to make the work as far as it goes, thoroughly reliable. The Society are specially indebted to Messrs. Middleton, Archbold, Brown, Jordan and Spriggings, for the valuable information given by them, and their regular attendance at the different committee meetings. Also to Messrs. J. E. Guilbault, Capt. Raynes, G. L. Marler, Wm. Lunn, Archibald Ferguson, and many others, for much valuable information. Finally, to Messrs. J. H. Springle, Jas. Morgan, jr., and Chas. Gibb, Secretary of the Fruit Committee, for their valuable reports, but especially the latter, who has given a great deal of valuable time, and manifested an interest in the work for which the Society cannot but feel deeply indebted.

The committee hope that the present fruit list is but the forerunner of others fuller and more complete, and that the information now given to the public may be found of practical use, and serve to encourage many to persevere, who, from improper selection or some other cause, have not been successful in the cultivation of fruit heretofore.

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