

The amount paid in prizes so far, this year, is \$1,447.25, being slightly in excess of any former year. The largest amount in prizes, paid any exhibitor, was paid to Mr. Laumaillier, gardener to Mr. Wm. Lunn, viz., \$82.50; Mr. Wm. Cook and Mr. J. Cameron coming second, each with \$76. In the amateur department Mr. J. McGregor comes first, carrying off \$66, being much ahead of any other amateur grower.

The membership this year is the largest in the history of this Society, numbering 835, and producing a revenue from this source alone of \$1,654. This is not owing to any fitful effort that has been put forth, as the membership has steadily increased every year for the last three years, and the average membership for seven years past has been 770, producing an average revenue of \$1,528.25. I again, however, have to note the lack of interest taken in the Society by people residing in the country districts. In spite of the liberal terms offered, only sixteen people have availed themselves of the advantages the Society offers. This is poor encouragement, still I believe the Society's efforts are being felt, though not yet so apparent as might be desired.

In view of the necessity of the Society keeping within its income if possible, I would suggest that, for a year or two at least, the winter prizes and the prizes for gardens be dropped. The Provincial Exhibition will likely be held in Quebec next year, and I would also suggest that the Society's show be kept open only three days instead of four. This would save considerably in labor, rent, etc., and for the last two years, at least, the fourth day has not paid expenses.

The books of the Society have been audited by Messrs. Morgan and Meyer and show a balance of cash on hand on the 30th November last of \$76.81, exclusive of fees received on account of the present year.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady being in Montreal at the time, again visited the Society's show and expressed themselves highly gratified at the splendid display made.

The Society, as in former years, are much indebted to the press of Montreal for their willingness to advance the objects the Association has in view, through the medium of their columns.