

time since. The Report of this year contains a valuable map tracing the most northern limit at which certain varieties of wood are found from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This is a valuable contribution, as I am not aware of any other map of a similar kind. In spite of all the reading matter of the Report being obtained free, for which the Society is greatly indebted to the contributors, the expense of publishing the Report the past year has been about one hundred dollars over the amount promised the Society by the Government. It is hoped the Provincial Government may soon see their way to pay all the expenses connected with the publication of the Report as provided in the Constitution, and as is done in Ontario. If not, however, it would be better to curtail the Society's expenditure in some other direction and continue the Report. Many letters have been received, speaking in very complimentary terms of the work, among others one from Chas. Downing, of Newburg, New York, the eminent Pomologist, who says, in referring to the last Report, "It ought to be in the hands of all cultivators of the soil." A gold medal having been offered at the Ottawa Exhibition for the best collection of fifty varieties of apples, a collection was sent up in charge of the Secretary, but it only received an award of "Highly Commended." If the Society had known the basis on which the award would be made, a different result might have been obtained. The award was made on the value of the varieties shown as commercial apples, which was not stated in the schedule, while the selection was made more on their merit as fine specimens of the varieties. Some varieties, considered of merit and profitable near this market, were not thought so highly of by the Judges as by growers here. Five or six varieties were thrown out for being wrongly named, and as some of the collection shown were locally known for the most part, they were not esteemed as highly by the Judges as well-known standard varieties would have been. The judging was done in a very thorough and painstaking manner, each variety being examined, many of them cut into, and a certain number of points given to each that were added up at the end. It is unfortunate that no member of the Society interested in fruit-growing