

the building, by means of the electric light, was not successful. The outside attractions in the evenings—combined with wet weather on the last day and evening, materially affected the financial result, by diminishing the receipts at the door.

The membership of the Society the past year was 815. This is the largest in the history of the Society, but only exceeds by one member that of 1876, which numbered 814. The labour of keeping together such a large Society is very great, and can only be managed by the active co-operation of the Directors and members in assisting the Secretary.

Nearly the entire cash balance on hand at the close of last year has been expended in the purchase and improvement of the plant and expenses connected with the fruit report, the figures being Plant, \$484.42 ; Report expenses, \$355.50. It is satisfactory to know that there is probably not a Society on the continent more thoroughly equipped than our own Society. In fact, so far as fixtures are concerned, the Society could go into a building any day and be amply provided with all the requirements ; not even a carpenter would be a necessity. A large number of new tables have been provided, and a portion of the old ones have been used to make a shelter shed in which the Society's property is stored away.

Few of the members seem aware of the fact that a small but a good library is at their disposal. Though open two nights every week last winter, very few persons visited it. It is contemplated to have some sort of meeting this winter, at which one or two papers will be read, and the members of the Society meet together socially.

The total amount of money expended in prizes the present year was \$1,445.28. The sum of \$33.75 still remains in the Society's hands unclaimed. The Association has suffered considerable inconvenience by reason of the late payment of the Government grant. I would respectfully remark that the grant should always be in the Society's hands in the month of September of each year, as in that month the Exhibition is always held.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province and Madame Robitaille, Hon. J. J. Ross, Chas. Guilbault and other