

the Constitution, the list of members, the annual reports and the papers read. The Provincial Government gave assistance to the extent of \$100. Inasmuch, however, as the printing alone cost \$205, and the stenographic reports, illustrations, and mailing costs about \$30 more, your Committee felt warranted in approaching the Government again and asking that the grant for this year be made \$200. The Minister of Agriculture looked with favor on our request, and probably it will be acceded to. We expect that the chief influence we exert upon the country will be through the agency of this annual publication.

Last autumn our Society was asked by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association to co-operate with the other Provincial Horticultural Societies in pressing upon the Dominion Government the need of an inspector of fruit, who should stop the sending of fruit to the Old Country or to Manitoba which could not arrive in good condition, and who should also grade and mark with an official stamp the packages which are allowed to be exported. Your Executive Committee cordially approved of the proposal and took part in pressing it upon the attention of the Dominion Government, with the hope that a measure such as is desired will be introduced during the coming session of Parliament.

Your Committee have also given attention to two other matters of a legislative character, which will be laid before you in detail at a later stage in the proceedings.

One is the need of the withdrawal, so far as Manitoba and the North-West Territories is concerned of the Dominion Act passed last year, which prohibits the importation of nursery stock from the United States into Canada on account of danger from the San Jose scale. This law makes it a hardship to every one of us who plants shrubs and trees, because there is no danger now from the San Jose scale, and because it shuts us out from what is our nearest market, and on account of similarity of climate and conditions, our best market.

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