

of 100 coops, of the latest pattern, for this purpose. Samples were procured from two or three manufacturers here, but it was judged better to import what was required from England, as they have greater facilities for manufacturing them there. The net cost of the coops owned by the Society is \$270.14.

A fruit committee has been named for the coming year, who have already commenced their labors, and several persons have been invited to give essays on the cultivation of various fruits, vegetables, etc. Reports on fruit have also been invited from neighboring districts, some of which have already been received and others are promised, so that the work referred to in the "finis" of the fruit report has been swiftly followed up. The Council of Agriculture have promised the sum of \$200 to aid in the publication of the second fruit report. The work is now in active progress, and it is hoped that it will be placed in the hands of the members of this Society early in the coming year. The Society is greatly indebted to the President of the Council of Agriculture, Mr. J. M. Browning, as well as other members for the interest manifested and encouragement given to carry on a work so important to the whole Province. Everything connected with the working of the Society has been managed with the utmost economy consistent with efficiency, and there is now at the credit of the Society in the Savings Department of the Merchants Bank of Canada the sum of \$629.94. The sum of \$69.73 has been derived from interest on the account. At a meeting of the directors held on the 14th inst. it was decided to purchase some Bank of Montreal stock. Three shares have accordingly been purchased at a cost of \$1,119, the interest on which, combined with the interest on the current account, if a vigorous effort is made to collect the subscriptions, would bring in a revenue almost as great as that derived from the ordinary members three years ago, viz., \$220. The balance on hand previous to purchasing this stock was \$1,748.94. It would be greatly to the advantage of the Society to have a right in some building in which to hold their exhibitions. In any case an office is required, in which to keep the papers, etc., of the Society, especially as the nucleus of a valuable library has been formed by the receipt of a number of valuable reports from sister societies in the United States and Canada. The climate in some of the States is similar to our own, and their experience is, consequently, valuable to us. The duties connected with the Secretaryship having become very much heavier, it is recommended