

to perfection, for us, of any variety with which we are acquainted. In size, beauty, flavour and texture of fruit, and in health, vigour, productiveness and hardihood of tree, it is pre-eminently the Canadians' pear. But we do not propose here to discuss this subject, only to commend it to the attention of the members of our Society, and especially of the incoming Board of Directors.

We have also applied of our funds the sum of fifty dollars as a grant to the Entomological Society, in aid of their library. This we have done because we have felt that the labours of this society, as embodied in their reports, which have been appended to our own and distributed to all the members of our Society, are largely for the benefit of ourselves, and that some acknowledgement on our part of the services rendered by that Society, in the interests of fruit growers, was both due to them and just in us. Besides, we remember that whatever should increase the facilities of our sister society for the prosecution of her peculiar work, would only enable her the more efficiently to serve the interests of our own, and that such an expression of the appreciation in which we held her services would serve to strengthen the mutual good-will and esteem that has always subsisted between us.

It will be seen by our Treasurer's Report, that we have fully used all the funds which have been placed under our control during our term of office. We trust that the manner in which they have been expended will meet with your approbation. By far the largest item of expense is that connected with the distribution of trees. We look forward to such an increase in our membership as will eventually lessen the proportionate cost of this branch of our expenditure, while, at the same time, the aggregate amount shall be largely increased. During the past season we distributed to the members, 542 apple trees, 348 peach, 1115 pear, 819 plum, 600 grape-vines and 31 raspberry and blackberry plants. In addition, our members have received a valuable report, embodying information worth many times the amount of their annual fee; a report that is sought after by kindred societies abroad, and from which liberal extracts are made by the leading horticultural periodicals of Great Britain. And we believe that when the cost of carrying on the operations of this Association is compared with the amount expended for the direct benefit of its members, it will be seen that your Directors have not been wanting in their regard for the most economical discharge of the trust committed to them.

The plan, adopted by our predecessors and continued by us, of rewarding those members who, at some cost of time and inconvenience to themselves, have taken pains to represent to their neighbours the operations of our Society and the benefits to be derived from joining it, has been found to work well. We would suggest that some special award might be made to those who added fifteen or twenty new members to the Association in one season, believing that such would be a step in the right direction. We have also had inquiry from some, if they might be allowed to take instead of the extra fruit trees offered for new members, some ornamental plants, shrubs or trees to the same value. Upon this we have not acted, confining ourselves strictly to the distribution of fruit trees, but we commend this inquiry to the consideration of members, knowing that our successors will desire to carry out the wishes of the Association.

Rejoicing in what has been done in the interests of fruit growing, and yet more at the prospects of usefulness opening before us, we lay our Report before the Association, and return to you the trust which, during the past year, has been committed to our hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario:

GENTLEMEN—At the close of the last fiscal year there was a balance	
in the Treasury of.....	\$474 95
(See Report of Auditors, dated 2nd January, 1872.)	
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