

BROME COUNTY FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.
REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1882.

The officers of this Association regret that, in consequence of the delay in their receiving the Government grant for the year 1881, they have not this year been able to realize the hopes of an active prosperous year's work, which they had hoped for, and made arrangements for. Not only did the delay in the payment of the prize money interfere with the increase of the membership, which has not been so large as it might have been ; but the lack of necessary funds prevented the holding of a series of meetings which the officers of the Association had planned for the Winter season, and which were believed to be the best attainable means of awakening an extended and more intelligent interest in the objects of the Association.

The result has been that we have only been able to hold an Exhibition in connection with the Annual Agricultural Exhibition. Notwithstanding this our membership received a very gratifying increase, notably from a more extended area in the County. We have unfortunately found that heretofore we were only able to obtain members in the neighborhood of this place, but now we have had people from other neighborhoods join us, and we trust by their means to increase our usefulness, and the area of the benefit which is already visible where live the bulk of the members.

The Fall Show was held on the grounds of the Knowlton Park Association, on the 13th September, in conjunction with the Agricultural Show of the County. The Exhibition was a success, nearly all the prizes being well competed for and adjudged.

It must, however, be confessed, that neither fruit, vegetables nor flowers were in as fine condition as was the case last year. This may be, to some extent, accounted for by there having been a sharp frost the night before the 13th, by which all tender plants were