

serious items in the expenses might be reduced, viz.: the rent of a building and the carpenters' bill. The regular exhibition, however, which took place in September, was by far the largest and finest the Society has ever had. The Association secured the Skating Rink for the purpose, and the large building was completely filled. The number of entries made was about one thousand. There were only three sections in which there was no entry, and to make up for this five extra sections were added for articles unenumerated. Many of the finest plants in Montreal were on exhibition, and when we consider that we have no large public gardens, and that the only opportunity many persons have of seeing these magnificent specimens is at the exhibition of this society, all lovers of flowers cannot but feel indebted to the owners and exhibitors for permitting them to be shown. The exhibit of cut blooms was also good, but in many cases not well shown. Some of the boxes used were much too large, and this branch of the exhibition will never present the appearance it should till the size of box a certain number of specimen blooms shall occupy is strictly defined, and all boxes exceeding the specified size disqualified.

The show of grapes was magnificent, and the public spirit of one of the members in offering year by year a handsome prize for the best bunch has evidently had a very stimulating effect. Some very fine peaches, plums and nectarines were also shown, and certainly went far to prove that this country is not such an ice-bound wilderness as some would have it supposed. There was a fine display of pears on exhibition from various gardens, but perhaps the most noticeable thing was the magnificent collection of apples shown from different parts of the Province. Four county collections were exhibited, viz., one each from Huntingdon, Rouville, Vaudreuil and Missisquoi. The collections shown by the two first-named were particularly large and fine. In each were shown varieties comparatively unknown and not cultivated on this island, but which might perhaps be grown with advantage. The collections from Vaudreuil and Missisquoi were good, but much smaller. Mr. Edwards, also, of Huntingdon County, showed a fine collection of fruit, both named and seedling, and his success