

The display of fruit was large and good, take it as a whole, but the display of in-door grapes was not as large as last year, and the season for out-door grapes up to that time having been very unfavorable hardly any were shown. The show of apples was particularly good, and some districts exhibited this year that had never shown in Montreal previously. Interest is now being excited throughout the country in these matters, and fruit-growers in this Province are beginning to find out how much they have to learn. One of the great difficulties exhibitors have to contend with is the proper naming of the fruit. The same variety of apple has been sold and is known by different names in different parts of the country, and as exhibitors are liable to be disqualified from receiving prizes if their fruit is wrongly named, it is a matter of deep importance to the Society that this difficulty should be overcome. I do not know if the idea is practicable, but it has occurred to me that models should be made of our leading apples, which should be afterward colored true to nature, and kept by the Society as standard references. Of course, apples of a similar appearance often differ very much in flavor, but in some parts some varieties are known by certain names when they bear little or no resemblance to the apple by whose name they are called.

The floral designs on exhibition were very much admired, and showed great taste on the part of the exhibitors. The only thing to be regretted is that they were not more numerous.

The Fourth of the present series of Reports has been published recently, and reflects the highest credit on the Report Committee. It is a matter of regret that the labor of getting up such a work falls altogether on a few, but it is of the utmost importance that the Reports should be continued. They have contributed not a little to awaken an interest in horticultural matters, and the result is that a new Horticultural Society has been formed in Missisquoi the past year, and steps are being taken to form Societies in Huntingdon, Brome and Sherbrooke. It is probable that the two last Reports will be published in the French language by the Government, as M. Montpetit, chief French translator at Quebec, obtained copies for the purpose of translating them some