

the door, instead of being equal to last year, only reached the sum of \$668.50, being about \$333 short of last year, while the prizes paid by the Society have been nearly \$200 in excess. The Society, so far, also have failed to obtain the two grants to which they are entitled in aid of publishing the reports. The sum of \$355.85 has been expended on this item alone the past year.

A committee was appointed lately by the Society to meet the Council of Agriculture and lay their case before them, it having been intimated that a favorable resolution from the Council would have weight with the Government. The deputation appointed were Messrs. N. S. Whitney (President),* Wm. Evans, Dr. Andres and the Secretary. After a very courteous hearing, the deputation retired, after which the Council passed the following resolution:—

“Mr. Browning moved, seconded by Mr. Somerville, that, considering the great importance of the publication of the reports of the Montreal Horticultural Society, the incalculable good that the Province received from the diffusion of these reports, the Government, through this Council, be respectfully prayed to favor the publication of the reports of the Society by a continuation of the annual grant of \$200, and that this Council would see with pleasure the translation and publication of these reports in the French language, and their distribution through the counties of this Province.”

A copy of this resolution has been forwarded to the Minister, the Hon. J. J. Ross, at Quebec, with what result remains to be seen. The report issued a short time since requires no words of commendation from me; that has been received from many and various sources, and it is clear that a work of such great importance cannot be abandoned. If the Government will not pay for the publication of it, the Society's expenditure will have to be curtailed in some other way. The Society is greatly indebted to Mr. R. W. Shepherd, Jr. for his valuable services as Secretary of the Report Committee, the whole of the work being done gratuitously.

The Society's exhibition this year was arranged in a somewhat different manner than usual, and presented a very fine appearance indeed. Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the attempt to light