

from these two sources were in 1865, \$2,265.35; 1876, \$3,063.14; amount in favor of this year, \$797.79, so that altogether this may be considered the most successful year this Society has ever had since it was founded, more than thirty years ago. The next important matter was getting together a collection of the fruits of this Province, for the purpose of information and exhibition here, and also, if possible, to select a collection to send to the International Exhibition at Philadelphia. This matter is more particularly referred to in a separate report, and it is sufficient to say that the collection was such as to reflect credit on this Province, and that two awards have been made by the American judges, one for grapes and one for seedling apples. A large number of members and others visited the fruit exhibition, which was held in a large room in the City and District Savings Bank building, a place admirably suited for the purpose. The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Henry Judah, for his kindness in having placed the room at their disposal for this purpose without any charge. A meeting of those interested in fruit growing was held in the long room, Mechanics' Institute, on the 13th of September last, and, though not largely attended, some very interesting matter was brought up and discussed. The Society this year invited Messrs. Boswell, of Quebec, J. L. Nichol, of Kingston, and Thomas Lawrence, of Ogdensburg, to act as judges at the exhibition, and they are much indebted to these gentlemen for their kindness in having acceded to their request. The Society this year offered a number of prizes to amateurs exclusively, but they regret to say that the entries were not nearly as numerous as they should have been. It is, however, gratifying to be able to state that an amateur, Mr. James Black, of Point St. Charles, won fifty-six dollars in prizes at the exhibition this year, being the largest amount obtained by a single individual, and it is hoped that this may be some encouragement to others. Owing to the fact that the Council of Agriculture were having an exhibition of poultry, for which they had put up a special building, on the same day as our own show, an arrangement was come to with them by which they agreed to pay all our prizes and adopt our list; the Society paying the Council of Agriculture one dollar for each of their members who desired to exhibit. This arrangement was mutually satisfactory. The Society, being aware of the necessity for providing proper coops in which to exhibit poultry, entered into correspondence with some parties in England, which resulted in the purchase

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