

current account, \$98.22. Receipts at door during the Exhibition, \$725.15. Government grant, \$328. Special do., \$200. Special prizes, \$68. Sundries, \$31. The gross expenditure has been \$2,983.01, leaving a balance on hand in the Savings Department of the Merchants' Bank of \$618.48. About \$130 have been expended in the following manner:—Lumber, tinware, rope, hardware, &c., \$66; for desk, \$6; Lowden's Encyclopædia, and Scrap Book for library, \$4.38; H. Prenderville, for looking after fruit at Philadelphia, \$20; loss on publishing fruit report, \$20; rent of Natural History rooms, four years, \$24. All accounts against the Society have been settled promptly, and, where possible, discounts have been obtained.

The Society, as far as appearances go, never had a fairer prospect. If the expenditure is kept—as it always should be—within the income, with such a large membership, money and property valued at cost at about \$2,400, and a band of really earnest workers in its ranks, success should be certain. The influence of such societies is for good. The love and cultivation of flowers is an elevating and ennobling taste, and those who fill up their spare hours in this pursuit will find themselves benefited by it both in body and mind. The cultivation of fruit is a source of both health and wealth to the community in which it is carried on. Ontario has shown her sister Province an example in this matter; let it be the part of this Province, led by this Society, to emulate her in so good a work.

Since writing the above Mr. Chas. Gibb has donated the Society fifteen books on various subjects connected with Agriculture and Horticulture; among them are two works by Downing; one by J. J. Thomas; one by Hayward; two volumes of the Gardeners' Monthly; Lowden's Encyclopædia of Agriculture, and other works. If other gentlemen will follow this liberal example, the Society will soon be in possession of a good library, a want that has been long felt.

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