

exhibit here. More than double the usual space was occupied this season, and yet there was not room, so crowded were the competitors in the different sections, necessitating larger accommodation in future.

The display in Vegetables was above the average, showing that more attention is being paid to the selection of varieties.

This Association was again successful in competing for the prize on County collection of Apples, offered by the Montreal Horticultural Society, taking a joint first prize of \$40.

It is surprising there is not more competition by the different Counties in this class. Surely it is not owing to a lack of fruit, but rather, we think, from a lack of proper organization and energy on the part of the fruit-growers of our sister Societies. It is an opportunity for gathering together the different varieties of apples in the Province, correcting names, studying one another's fruits, and disseminating many practical ideas. Have we nothing to learn? Ought we to allow such opportunities to pass unimproved?

The Directors of this Association return thanks in acknowledgement for the Montreal Horticultural Society's report for 1881, which contains valuable information and a fine map of the "Geological Survey of Canada, showing the general northern limits of the principal forest trees." This is a work to be appreciated, and must have added materially to the expense of the Society in its publication. It is to be regretted that a Society doing so good a work in the interest of the country's welfare, should not receive sufficient support from the Provincial Government, to enable it to publish these reports in *French* as well as English, and in sufficient numbers to distribute a copy to every member of a Horticultural and Agricultural Society in the Province. It is by such means as this that a people becomes educated in the requirements of those interests calculated to increase the revenue and comforts of its population. There is no reason why this Province should not largely increase its area in fruit culture, and supply our markets with the apples, pears, grapes and many of the smaller fruits annually supplied from Ontario,