

financial result would undoubtedly have been better, as fully 3,000 people visited the Exhibition on the second evening it was open as the weather was fine. The total receipts were \$663, against \$668.95 last year, a falling off of not quite one per cent. Visitors at least were unanimous in their approval of the attractiveness of the Exhibition; and the promptness with which it was ready for opening at the hour named. The Society is much indebted to the Sports and Games Committee, for their courtesy in arranging the different outside attractions, so as to conflict as little as possible with the Exhibition. Also to the Directors of the Rink, for allowing the Society to erect stands before the time at which they were supposed to enter into possession of the building. Two days is really not sufficient to do all that is necessary in erecting stands and laying the building out. The Secretary, whoever he may be, has to personally direct the whole work or mistakes will arise, and things become confused. The services of one or two gentlemen to look after the interests of the Society with the press, and keep the Exhibition before the public would be of the greatest assistance, as at such times the Secretary should never be absent from the building, except for meals and sleep. I make this suggestion as a means by which a Secretary could be greatly aided and the Society benefited. Before closing my remarks on the Exhibition, I desire particularly to thank the exhibitors for their readiness to second the efforts made to accommodate them by doing all in their power to place their exhibits quickly and in the places assigned for them. The seventh report has been issued lately, and those who have perused it will, I think, agree with me that it does credit to the Society. I regret, however, to say that, so far at least, the Government has not contributed anything toward the cost of the last three published. The President and Secretary had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Mousseau lately relative to the matter, and the Premier seemed to sympathize with the Society and its work. At his request a letter was forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture at Quebec, but there has been no reply. The expenses paid so far on account of the last report is \$125, but this is exclusive of the printing, the account for which has not yet been received. There are, however, other indirect expenses incurred through the