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We have thought it would contribute towards the diffusion of much-needed information in regard to the culture of fruit in different sections, if an examination could be made by competent persons, and a report be prepared by them, setting forth what they had seen. In the hope of accomplishing something in this direction, we appointed four separate committees, charged with the duty of making a personal examination of the several districts assigned to them, with instructions to report in writing the nature of the country, the character of its soil, and its capabilities for the production of fruit, its peculiar advantages and disadvantages for such culture, its present fruit productions, and such other matters affecting fruit growing therein as might be suggested to them and thought worthy of attention. The districts selected were the country from Windsor to Amherstburgh and Morpeth, assigned to Messrs. Burnet, Dougall and Mills; the County of Elgin, assigned to Messrs. Saunders, Bennett and Beadle; the vicinity of Brantford, assigned to Messrs. Holton and Arnold; and the territory comprised within a radius of fifteen miles around Toronto, assigned to Messrs. Boulton and Leslie. The reports that may be received from these Committees will be printed in the annual report.

We have authorized the Committee on seedling fruits, if they shall deem any of the seedlings that may be submitted to them during the year to be worthy of a gratuity, to award a sum not exceeding ten dollars to the person exhibiting the best seedling fruit of its kind during the year, and that the certificate of the Committee shall be authority to the Treasurer to pay the same. This is a special award, and is not to exclude the recipient from competing for the prizes heretofore offered, or that may hereafter be offered, for seedling fruits; nor is the award of such gratuity for one kind of fruit (as, for instance, if awarded to seedling apples,) to disqualify the recipient from receiving a like award for another kind of seedling fruit, such as pears, plums, grapes, and the like.

The Directors offer the following prizes for the year 1872:

First. An HONORARY MEDAL to the originator of any new fruit which, having been thoroughly tested, is found to be worthy of being placed among the fruits of its class for cultivation in Ontario.

Second. The sum of FIFTY DOLLARS for the best new Canadian seedling late winter apple.

THIRTY DOLLARS for the best Canadian seedling harvest apple.

TWENTY DOLLARS for the best Canadian seedling autumn apple.

All these to be at least equal to the old popular varieties now in cultivation. Not less than two dozen specimens of the fruit must be sent, when in condition for examination, to the President of the Association, Rev. R. Burnet, Hamilton, accompanied by a letter setting forth what, in the opinion of the sender, are the excellencies of the fruit sent, whether for cooking, or for the dessert, &c., &c.; also stating the origin of the tree, if known, its vigour, hardiness, productiveness, and the like.

Third. The sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS for the best essay on the cultivation of the plum, including a short description of the varieties which the writer has grown, and his opinion on the merits of each.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS for the second best essay thereon.

Fourth. The sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS for the best essay on mildew of the Gooseberry and the Grape, with drawings of the appearances of the mildew in several stages of development as seen under the microscope by the writer.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS for the second best essay thereon. Each essay must be forwarded to the Secretary, D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines, on or before, the fifteenth day of September, 1872, and bear a motto, and be accompanied with a sealed note having the same motto endorsed on the outside, and containing within the name of the author of the essay.

Fifth. To any person sending to Wm. Saunders, Esq., London, transportation prepaid, five thousand of the Plum Curculio, (*Conotrachelus Nenuphar*) in the beetle state, the sum of TWENTY DOLLARS; or sending three thousand, the sum of TEN DOLLARS; or sending two thousand, the sum of FIVE DOLLARS. The Treasurer will pay these sums to any person furnishing him with a certificate from Mr. Saunders, stating that he is entitled thereto.

We have also decided to illustrate our Report for 1871, with an engraving of all the fruits that have been disseminated by the Association, in order that the members may have