

REPORT OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FRUIT GROWERS'  
ASSOCIATION OF MISSISQUOI, 1884.

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This society's exhibition was held on the 28th September last, and was attended by a larger number of people than ever before. The fruit crop being an abundant one this year, resulted in bringing together large collections in all classes, requiring the utmost care and examination in adjudging the prizes.

One hundred plates of grapes shown by Messrs. Pattison, Spencer, Hart, and Wood, was a marked improvement on previous exhibits, and as its culture becomes better known, its presence in every garden will be the rule instead of the exception.

One of the society's works this year, was the presenting of each of its members with two or three trees of the New Russian varieties. One hundred and seventy-six trees of twenty different varieties were thus distributed, and their hardiness, fruitfulness, or other desirable characters will be noted from time to time. It is not to be expected that all will be valuable acquisitions to our already long list, but it is quite likely some of them will be found deserving further propagation.

REPORT OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF  
SHEFFORD, 1884.

In presenting this, our fourth annual report of the Fruit Growers' Association of the County of Shefford for the past year, I will confine myself chiefly to our Exhibition which took place on the 23rd and 24th days of September last, and was a decided success, both flats of our large and magnificent Town Hall being loaded with vegetables, fruit and flowers. There were on exhibition 374 plates of apples, 42 of crabs, and 82 of grapes. The display of pot plants and flowers, owing to the unfavorable seasons, was not quite up to former years, but the vegetables were much finer than any previously shown; \$200 were paid in prizes, of which about \$80 were paid on fruit, \$70 on vegetables, and \$50 on plants and flowers.

The most hearty thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the Council of Agriculture for the increase of the grant to \$100. We laid out \$50 in Russian apple trees, which we distributed among 165 members, gratis, and which we trust in time will help to improve the winter keeping quality of the fruit of this section.

We are happy to state that our society is at present out of debt. The grant of \$100 this year having enabled us to wipe out the deficits remaining over from the first two years of the society's existence, and which were unavoidably incurred in

providing the expenses will our prize list sheet. We Constitution drawal in w of these ann tions among as our positio part of the r members wh responsibility whose fees a

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