

the fifth Report of the Montreal Horticultural Society, to which our members can have access on application to our Secretary. When any member of our Association is about to plant a new orchard, or to replenish an old one, we would advise him to obtain his trees from some of our local nurserymen, who will act squarely by him, and furnish him with the most profitable and hardy varieties. Beware of tree peddlers, avoid them as you would the lightning-rod man, and the entire race of ravenous harpies who travel round the country, utterly reckless of any interest save their own,—yet in years gone by, the tree peddler has not been an unmixed evil; the existence of some orchards, at least, depending on his presence sometime in the past, and the persistence with which he plied his avocation. The township of Granby can furnish some notable examples of extortion—cases in which fifty crab trees have been fraudulently supplied instead of the varieties ordered, and we do not entertain a doubt but that other townships throughout the county can do likewise. There has been no single cause so obstructive to apple culture in this county as the failure which has attended the efforts of some who have invested their time, labor and capital in the project. Young trees have been planted in soil ill adapted to their growth, where they were utterly without any wind-break either natural or artificial. Once planted, and even then probably poorly planted, stuck into the earth after the manner of a fence post, they were allowed to take care of themselves, and, to cap the climax, it was no unusual sight to see the cattle regaling themselves on the struggling, but defenceless, saplings. To avert such deplorable results as we have endeavored feebly to describe, our Directors would urgently advise the holding of meetings of the members of our Association, at such times and places as might be agreed upon, when there would be an opportunity for free discussion of all subjects appertaining to Horticulture, for the reading of essays, for the recital of each other's experience, and for the communication of all kindred subjects of interest. We would cordially invite our young people to participate in our deliberations, and by following up faithfully, and with an honest desire both to receive and impart instruction, we