

REPORTS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.

QUEBEC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Society took place on the 24th December inst., when the following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE YEAR 1887.

The present has been for the Society a busy, I may say, at times, an anxious, but, certainly, a very satisfactory year.

On presenting the report of Messrs. George Moore and Jules Betrix, of Montreal, the judges, named to award the prizes to exhibitors, I have pleasure in concurring in the opinion expressed by them, as to the complete success of that portion of the exhibition entrusted to the Horticultural Society of Quebec.

Several of their suggestions commend themselves to the attention of our Association.

Experience has demonstrated that though by enlarging the scope of the Society, so as to take in the Montreal district, in order to make a creditable display, especially of fruit, the fruit growers of the district of Quebec, owing to climatic influences, are placed at a disadvantage in competing with their Montreal colleagues.

Should the Quebec Horticultural Society ever be called on to combine with the Provincial Exhibition, it is submitted that the fruit ought to be classed under two distinct heads, one for the eastern and the other for the western section of the Province.

The members who were present on the grounds, are in a position to judge of the gorgeous array of bloom in the main exhibition tent, of the careful culture displayed in the greenhouse plants and garden flowers, as well as of the beautiful effect produced by the several floral designs, &c.

The novelty in our late show of "Design for Dinner Tables," let us hope, will receive a still greater development, under modified rules, in a future exhibition.

The display of apples was striking, some exhibitors having entered as many as forty varieties : if forty varieties were grown by each exhibitor, such a collection is highly creditable.

The outdoor grapes, by their varieties, were also worthy of note.

One grower, Mr. W. M. Pattison, of Clarenceville, near Montreal, it is said, grows with success no less than one hundred varieties.

The apples shown by Mr. Auguste Dupuis, and by Dr. J. B. Bolduc, of Beaufort, were much admired, though the tardiness of our Quebec season deprived them of prizes on account of their not being thoroughly ripe.

The vegetable display was poor, owing to the division of this useful exhibit in no less than three tents.

All admitted that tents are more favorable for the display of flowers than roofed sheds ; the effect of the electric light on the floral department at night was striking.

Pursuant to the arrangement entered into by our Society with the directors of the Provincial Exhibition, under which the Horticultural Society commuted

its gate money were afforded shelving and this agreement had of the Exhibition.

Our thanks to Marchioness Anson, A.L.S. the last day of the exhibition and enquiring supposed.

The examination required Secretary watchmen fruits.

The judges of satisfaction.

In conclusion ready assistance which at

Quebec,

Montreal the Society to the Commission the Montreal project in

Mr. McPherson's affairs of management.

The Hon. H. J. M. L. Dr. J. L. At Esq., v. Home