

fulness. Those who shall attend her exhibits may profit by the many lessons which such exhibits have to teach, while others can profit by such horticultural reports as she may publish or procure, and such scions as she may obtain for the purposes of experimenting. Such work is not merely useful, it is necessary to fair progress. Yet exhibitions are apt to be useful to different localities in inverse proportion to their distance. The Montreal Horticultural, however liberal in her expenditure, however energetically she may carry out her well-thought plans, can never really reach the horticultural needs of the Province. To make out lists of fruit "for home use" and "for profit" for different localities, to gather provincial collections of fruit, and other works clearly within her present scope, she must have the co-operation of local associations. As an association we have done some good work. We published the first report on fruit the Province ever had. We have been persistent experimenters with such fruits, whether of native or foreign origin, as seemed of special promise. We have gathered a collection of fruit which has caused a "fruit fever" throughout this part of the country. What local work we have done other fruit-growing localities may do if they will. Local horticultural societies are our great and pressing want. We have proved them to be possible—we have proved their use—we have shown their need.