

REPORT OF THE FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ABBOTTSFORD.

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This Association held its Sixth Annual Exhibition at Abbotsford, on the 28th September.

Of apples there was a great variety, though not so many plates as at some of our former Exhibitions. Owing to the unfavorable season for fruit, perfect specimens were the exception rather than the rule, and many of the prizes in the single plate competition were carried off by parties residing outside of Abbotsford, while all the prizes for collections (except one on seedlings) were retained by residents.

In Pears and Plums, Mr. C. Gibb was the only competitor. To judge from his loaded Flemish Beauty pear trees last Fall, and from the fine quality of the fruit, it is no longer a question as to whether the pear can be grown here. It is to be hoped that fruits growers will give more attention in future to the cultivation of this valuable fruit.

Notwithstanding the season was backward and cold for outdoor grapes, the exhibit was good, and displayed a marked improvement in varieties, there being several of the new grapes on exhibition.

Wm. Mead Pattison, of Clarenceville, took first prize on best collection, while Alexander Choquet, of St. Hyacinthe, took first on heaviest bunch, leaving Mrs. N. C. Fisk victor in five best varieties with first prize. There were 94 plates on exhibition as compared with 150 plates for 1880, and 140 for 1881; this last, however, the joint exhibition of Shefford and Abbotsford.

The most marked improvement in the Society's Exhibition was in its display of Flowers, which for quantity, beauty of foliage and bloom, and originality of the design, surpassed any former