

exhibitions, and the society must rely on the liberality of one of its members for the supply of plants for free distribution.

Next spring, ten plants of the Wealthy Apple will be given to each member. The tree has proved very hardy in this county. The description of the good qualities of the Wealthy apple, given in the Reports of the Montreal Horticultural Society, attracted the attention of some of the members a few years ago, and they immediately planted some trees in exposed situations without protection. The results having been most satisfactory, the society was induced to distribute it more extensively.

The annual Exhibition of the Society was held at St. Jean Port Joli, the 28th September last, and was well attended. The display of fruits and flowers was very fine, and much interested the numerous visitors from this and adjoining counties.

The apple crop in this section was good this year; the plum crop was very light in all the parishes on the north and south sides of the St. Lawrence, except from St. Thomas to Ste. Anne Lapocatière, where it was moderate. The high price obtained (\$12 to \$15 a barrel) was very remunerative.

The plum orchards of the north shore, in the counties of Montmorency and Portneuf, have been practically destroyed by the *black knot*. Fine orchards yielding from \$400 to \$800 annually are so affected by the disease, that the proprietors have not the least hope of saving their trees. The Society has informed orchardists, through the columns of Agricultural journals, of the progress of the disease, (which has made its appearance even at Berthier, county Montmagny), and has given the best modes of prevention and cure.

The Quebec Horticultural Society having expressed the wish that the county L'Islet Horticultural Society should exhibit fruits *grown here*, at the exhibition to be held next fall at Quebec, it is expected that a satisfactory arrangement will take place to the mutual advantage of the two societies.

The members of this society desirous of improving fruit culture in this county, hope to learn how to do it by meeting orchardists of experience, who cultivate fruits for profit around Quebec.

Our society follows with great interest, the successful fruit growing of our neighbouring sister Province of New Brunswick.

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