

Browning's suggestion, a delegation was named to proceed to Quebec to lay the matter fully before the Government. The following gentlemen were chosen:—Messrs. N. S. Whitney, Chas. Gibb, Dr. Andres, and the Secretary. The Hon. the Premier received them very courteously, and promised to do all in his power to accede to their wishes. The Society are particularly indebted to the Hon. Messrs. DeBoucherville and Beaubien, also to E. A. Barnard, Esq., Director of Agriculture, and other gentlemen connected with the Council of Agriculture for the friendly interest manifested and aid given. The result was most favorable, and after the passage of the new Act a special general meeting of the Society was called for the 16th of May last to take the necessary steps to form the new association as provided for in the new Act. The present Society, while local in the respect of always holding its exhibitions in Montreal, is provincial in that it opens its exhibitions to the whole Province. Strong efforts having been put forth within the last three or four years to quicken the interest in fruit-growing in this Province, it was thought that the name chosen for the new association should be explanatory of the work the Society has in view. For this reason the name chosen was that of the "Montreal Horticultural Society and Fruit-Growers' Association of the Province of Quebec." In purely horticultural matters the influence of the Society will be mainly felt in and near this city; but in matters relating to fruit-growing, it is hoped that it will exert a useful and powerful influence throughout the whole Province. At this meeting the Board of Management and Report Committee that it replaced was unanimously elected for the new Society, viz: Messrs. J. D. Gibb, G. Cheney, Hon. Louis Beaubien, Jas. Morgan, jr., W. Evans, J. Doyle, R. Spriggings, T. McPherson, A. Duff, and Secretary and Treasurer, H. S. Evans. Report Committee, Chas. Gibb, R. W. Shepherd, jr., Jas. Morgan, jr., M. Gorman and J. Jordan.

At the first meeting of the Board held subsequent to the general meeting, J. D. Gibb, Esq., was elected President, and G. Cheney, Esq., Vice-President. The constitution and by-laws were framed under the direction of the Directors, N. S. Whitney, Esq.,