

MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

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The year 1879 being now rapidly drawing to a close, it becomes my duty to lay before the members of this Society a statement of its operations during the past year, being the second year since its re-organization. The principal work of the Society has been the holding of its usual Annual Exhibition in September last; the collecting and publishing of the matter contained in the fourth report; the sending of a collection of apples to the Provincial Exhibition at Ottawa, and the procuring of additional books for the library for the use of the members. The financial part of the work of the Society has been well looked after, and it will be a matter of congratulation to all well-wishers of the Association that, in spite of great depression in business (which has affected everything where money was in question) and other unexpected difficulties, the income from the membership has been only \$42 less than last year.

The Annual Exhibition was held in the Victoria Rink on the 16th, 17th, and 18th September last, and was a creditable show in most respects, though there was a deficiency of large plants on exhibition. Three or four former large exhibitors in these sections did not show this year at all, viz., Messrs. Andrew Allan, Wm. Lunn, and W. F. Kay. It is very desirable that a good collection of large and showy plants should be on exhibition, and, as some exhibitors have stated that the whole of their prize money was absorbed in handling and carting large specimen plants to and from the exhibition, the deficiency may be partly accounted for in this way. There are undoubtedly some good grounds for this