

# MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AND

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

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### REPORTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Horticultural Society was held on the evening of Dec. 18, in the Natural History Society's Rooms, Dr. Hunt in the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved, after which the president reviewed the report, hoping that the suggestion of the establishment of a Botanic Garden might be carried out.

### SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1884.

Another year having elapsed since the last annual general meeting of the members of this society, I beg to submit the following report of the operations of the past year, and the condition and prospects of the association at this time.

There has not been any particular change in the programme as carried out for two or three years past. Four classes of prizes were offered the past winter for the following: Class A—Gentlemen's Private Conservatories: Class B—Conservatories kept for Commercial Purposes: Class C—Conservatories kept by Amateurs; and Class D—Window Gardens. I am not aware of any other horticultural association that has chosen this particular line in which to offer prizes, but it is none the less, in my opinion, worthy of being continued and in some respects enlarged upon, were the society more amply provided with means. The wonderful improvement so noticeable in the plants shown by amateurs at the annual show, is a matter for sincere congratulation. The same statement holds good with reference, more particularly, to the plants shown in the classes for window gardens. This year, the judges appointed found the plants so exceptionally good that they recommended extra and special prizes to be given, which recommendation was carried out by the society. The names of all the prize winners in this particular branch of the society's work, will be found at page 125 of the ninth report issued the past summer.