

There was also a letter from the *Vancouver World*, offering a column of space to the association in the weekly edition. The secretary had called for original matter from the members to fill it, but it had not been taken advantage of to any great extent. He urged upon the directors that they should send original contributions to this column, and good clippings.

From Mr. Kerr, Victoria, in regard to holding a meeting at Nanaimo or Victoria.

From the Lieut-Governor, acknowledging receipt of the association's letter asking for a larger grant.

Mr. Macgowan remarked that the grant had been increased to \$1,000 this year.

The secretary read a telegram from Mr. Henry, saying it was impossible for him to attend the meeting.

The secretary remarked that at the close of the annual meeting he called for tenders for printing the annual report, but the report was not yet ready. He hoped it would soon be out. He had ordered 2,000 copies. *Telegram* Printing Co. being lowest, they had been given the contract.

Moved by Thos. Cunningham, seconded by E. Hutcherson, and resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Provincial Government for the liberal grant of \$1,000 for the purpose of this society, and that the secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to Hon. John Robson.

Mr. Hutcherson presented the following address to the association, from the Delta Agricultural Society :

GENTLEMEN,—This occasion of your visit to Ladners, and holding one of your interesting meetings affords an opportunity that is most gladly seized by the members of the Delta Agricultural Society to convey to you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to our Delta lands.

The benefits derived from the work of your association are apparent even to those who are not fruit growers, and the country in general profits very much by your work.

Your object, I believe, is to disseminate such information as will assist persons in every part of this province to select the best varieties of fruit adapted to their several localities, and thus prevent many failures and save valuable time. You thus encourage and increase the growing of fruit and add to the commerce of the country. This district and all the districts from which you have come are capable of almost indefinite extension in fruit growing, and the greater the extension within reasonable limits, the greater will be the benefits to this country. In addition to the commercial benefits that arise, is the great benefit which results to the health of the people from the use of fruit as a diet.