

members have fallen from the ranks, among others our late esteemed President, N. S. Whitney, Esq. This gentleman had been for many years a member of the Society and, on the election of Mr. Cheney to the presidency, was elected to the vice-presidency, which position he occupied for three years in succession. On Mr. Cheney retiring from the presidency, Mr. Whitney was elected to that position, and was at his death in his third year of office. He was well known, not only in this country but in the United States, in connection with agricultural and horticultural matters, but more especially in connection with stock-raising. As we have comparatively few gentlemen of means and taste, who do take an interest in such things, their removal is a loss to the community. During his occupancy of the presidency of this Society he gained the esteem and respect of all those with whom he was associated. My own official relations with him were always of the most pleasant and agreeable character, which fact greatly conduced to the easy working of the Society.

Our present esteemed President, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, was elected to fill the vacant Presidency, and Robt. Benny, Esq., was elected to the Vice-Presidency, G. L. Marler, Esq., being elected to the Board of Directors. The library of the Society has been open, as usual, the past year, but the members do not seem to avail themselves of the opportunity as much as might be expected. It might be advisable to publish a complete list of the books that are to be found there with the next report, as much information not procurable very readily elsewhere may be obtained there.

The Society's exhibition in September was favoured with a visit from Lord Carnarvon. In the absence of the other Officers of the Society, the Secretary offered his services to explain anything that might require explanation. His Lordship seemed particularly interested in the fruit, and some specimens of some of our finest and most popular varieties were sent him for further examination, the receipt of which has been suitably acknowledged.

A note has been received from Mr. Gagnon, of the Department of Agriculture and Public Works, under date of the 14th inst., stating that the Agricultural Journal would only be sent in future to those members of societies who remitted thirty cents per annum in advance. This is another matter that will require the immediate attention of the incoming Board of Directors.

The books of the Society for the past year have been audited by Messrs. J. M. M. Duff and Alex. Somerville, and show a balance of

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