

certainly have a creditable show. The show of fruit was not as large as usual, and it is evident, after the really magnificent display got together last year, that the exhibition, especially in apples, should have been much larger.

One gentleman, who can probably show one of the finest collections of seedlings to be found on the continent, was unrepresented.

The Fruit Association of Abbotsford, a local Association only a few years established, and offering no prize above one dollar, far outstripped her sister society in the display of fruit made at an Exhibition held a few days later. Four hundred plates of apples including thirty-eight crabs, were shown. This collection embraced seventy varieties of apples and seventeen of crabs, besides others locally known and less prized. Fifty-six plates of out-door grapes were also shown, including twenty-three varieties, being the finest display ever shown in this Province. When it is considered that the Association has no Government aid of any kind, and that its great success is entirely due to the active interest taken in the work by the members, it should be an incentive to the members of this Society to bestir themselves and take more active personal interest in the object it has in view.

It is gratifying to be able to say, however, that a number of exhibitors were represented on the tables this year, both in flowers, fruits and vegetables, who have not shown before. This number might be largely increased if the prize-list was revised, and made more like the Ontario lists, especially in fruits. For instance, if prizes were offered for the best plate of Fameuse, Alexanders, or any other variety of apples, members who are now completely debarred from exhibiting, because they have not, at least, five varieties to show, would then be enabled to compete, and the number of exhibitors be thereby largely increased. The same rule might also be applied to the flowers. A Committee from the Society should be named at once to consider these matters, and make recommendations to the new Board, especially as it is proposed to have two exhibitions the coming year. A large proportion of