

ripening is not against the fruit for family use. The tree is not to say long-lived, yet it bears so young and so regularly, and heavily, and the fruit is so saleable that we recommend it as a profitable market fruit.

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Until 1877, no moneys were appropriated in this Province for purely horticultural purposes. The Montreal Horticultural Society, up to that time, was enabled to draw her annual grant of \$328 only as the Montreal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and by offering certain prizes for agricultural products.

In 1877, however, the Montreal Society became a Provincial Society, with a yearly grant of \$1,000 for Horticultural purposes only, the Government also providing for the publication of its reports; and the action of the Council of Agriculture, since then, shows its earnest desire to advance Horticulture in all possible localities.

Let us see what has been done in this matter by our sister Province Ontario. In 1877 she had twenty-five *local* Horticultural Societies, besides the societies in the larger cities of Toronto, Hamilton and Kingston, 18 of which *local* societies received from their Provincial treasury, the sum of \$1,750 besides certain municipal grants. There was paid in prizes in 1877 for fruits, \$491, for flowers \$944, and for vegetables \$544, making a total of \$1,979 paid in prizes by fifteen of these *local* societies for Horticultural purposes, and the reason that there are not larger, and a still larger number of these Horticultural Societies is due to the fact that the Electoral Division and Township Agricultural Societies enter so largely into the Horticultural field. These Agricultural Societies paid that year in prizes for fruits \$3,669, for flowers \$1,651, for garden vegetables (field root crops not included), \$2,408, making a total of \$7,728 spent by these Agricultural Societies upon the fruits of Horticulture. To this let us add \$1,343 paid at the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition for like purposes, and we have the sum of \$9,071 expended by the Agricultural Societies, or the total sum of \$11,094 paid by the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for Horticultural premiums.