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ASSOCIATION.

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The eleventh annual exhibition of this Society was held at Durham, on the 11th and 12th of September. Cloudy days dampened the ardor of some intending visitors, but judging by the admittance fee the attendance was quite as numerous as heretofore. All the fruit on exhibition was grown in the County.

Owing to the regulations of the Council of Agriculture, requiring reports of societies to be sent in before the 15th Sept., the time of holding the exhibition was fixed before that date, quite two weeks earlier than usual, and in consequence much of the winter fruit had not attained its full growth, or maturity. The total number of plates of apples was 491, including 31 of crab apples. Nine plates of the New Russian varieties (representing as many different sorts) were shown, some were large, larger than the Alexander, but not equal to it in flavor, some decidedly poor. Season, early in Fall. 19 plates Pears, 15 plates Plums and 31 plates Grapes, made a fine display, but not equal to some previous exhibits. Our people have much to learn yet before making fruit growing a success. The past season is conspicuous as a failure, all over the province shows that more time, care and cultivation must be given to our orchards if we expect to keep them healthy and prolific. Many have an idea that an orchard will produce fruit and bear cropping, but forget that if this course is followed, twice the amount of fertilizer should be applied. Too often it is left in grass without any application whatever. Another practice is to plant too extensively, which if not followed up with skill and good management results in feeble growth, insects and disease, and unsatisfactory returns. A good rule to go by would be to apply plenty of manure and keep the trees making a growth of at least one foot a year. After coming into bearing continue the application of lime and ashes by top dressing in sufficient quantities to keep up a vigorous growth. A feeble tree will not give the finest fruit.

FRUIT GROWER'S ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF SHEFFORD.

GRANBY, OCTOBER 27TH, 1890.

To the Montreal Horticultural Society,—

SIR,—I have the honor to present to you the report of our Tenth Annual Horticultural Exhibition held by the above association, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 16th and 17th September last in the Town Hall and grounds at Granby.