

There were quite a number of aspirants for prizes in the noble art of bread-making. In truth, there was bread there on exhibition—both wheaten and brown—that would tempt the most fastidious person.

Finally, notwithstanding the mistakes made by the "clerk of the weather," or Mr. Wiggins, or other weather prophets or makers, we are able to report continued prosperity for our Association, and a very satisfactory year, taking everything into consideration.

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#### COUNTY OF L'ISLET HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION, 1884.

The society is progressing fairly. There is enthusiasm among its members, who spare no efforts to encourage the planting of good varieties of fruit trees suitable to the severe climate of this part of the Province, by free distribution to every person joining the society from all parts of the Province.

The membership is sensibly increasing under the system of free distribution of plants, and the Directors have now the pleasure to count amongst its members, many distinguished citizens from different counties north and south. The object which the Directors seek to attain, in this distribution of trees, is to make an experimental garden of the eastern part of the Province, and each member an assistant gardener, who is expected each year to report whether the trees prove to be hardy, productive, free from disease, and the fruit good or poor in quality, its time of ripening, usefulness and profitableness.

It is expected that members are willing in this way to contribute to the diffusion of information with regard to the fruits that succeed or fail, that those who come after may know what to plant and what not to plant.

The society receive annually, *only* \$100 as Government grant, the members' subscription is \$1 each. The whole of this is needed for the annual exhibitions of fruits, flowers, &c., which have already accomplished much good, bringing hundreds of people into personal contact with good fruit: they have given a sensible impulse to fruit-tree planting; they help the planter in the selection of those varieties most suitable to the soil and climate, and orchards heretofore neglected, receive more careful attention at the hands of their owners. Consequently the funds must be kept for the

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