

the Montreal display was not larger, it is a matter for congratulation that so large a show of fruit could be got together in one of the neighboring counties. Till quite recently, so large a display was never made at any exhibition in this Province, not excepting Montreal. For all this though, there is still a great deal of apathy shown, which it seems difficult indeed to overcome. Last year the Secretary addressed over fifty letters to the secretaries of the agricultural societies in the Province, inviting their co-operation, and there was not a single response. The only society that exhibited this year, as a society, was the Abbotsford Fruit Growers' Association, the fruit exhibited from Huntingdon having been collected by Mr. Edwards, of Covey Hill. His enterprise was rewarded, as he carried off the largest amount in prizes of any exhibitor, viz., \$94 50c., Mr. Cameron, the winner of the silver cup, coming second with about \$2 less in value. The Society has made special provision whereby any person residing outside the island of Montreal can become a member of the association on the payment of a very moderate fee of one dollar annually. This entitles them to the Society's reports, the *Agricultural Journal*, free admission to the exhibition, and also to compete for any prize offered by the Society without any extra fee. Notwithstanding all these privileges, out of a total membership of 815, only eighteen persons availed themselves of these privileges, though a few others, residing outside the district, paid the full fee of two dollars, receiving their extra tickets. Undoubtedly some of the fruit exhibited in the large county collections it is not profitable or desirable to cultivate. It might possibly be advisable to retain the county prizes, but limit the number of varieties shown in each section. If money can be found, prizes might be offered for twenty, forty, sixty, or even one hundred varieties, and by this means, a county totally unable to compete against one showing 140 varieties, might be able to compete successfully with twenty or forty varieties.

While on the subject of fruit I may note the fact that the Provincial Association this year also offered prizes for fruit. This may or may not have been much injury to the Society's show, but the receipts at the door were diminished between three