

CONCLUSION.

IN placing the foregoing Report on Fruit, and the several valuable Essays on various subjects connected with Horticulture, in the hands of the members of this Society as well as the general public, it is gratifying to note how fully the work pointed out in the *finis* of the former report as requiring to be done has been carried out. It must not be thought, however, that none remains to be done, the work is yet in its infancy. A large amount of valuable information has been obtained, but it will require years of close watchfulness and examination, before it can be decided which of the many fine seedling apples that have been brought to light are really desirable for cultivation. If the work is followed up, many other fine varieties will doubtless be discovered. This Society has this year shown itself competent to fill the same place in this Province that the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association does in the Province of Ontario. An interest in the work has now been awakened. The Council of Agriculture see the value of the work in which the Society has been engaged, and are disposed to give all the aid in their power. In fact it is proposed to have at least portions of the Report published in French for circulation. It is intended to have the Act relating to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies amended this year, and it is highly advisable that in the new Act, provision should be made to enable this Society to receive proper aid and support to carry out a work of such general importance to the country. In closing, the Society beg to tender their best thanks to the members and others who contributed fruit and aided the Society in many ways, also to the general public for the liberal support accorded them the past year. Finally to the members of the Fruit Committee for the valuable time and the pains displayed in performing their work. To those gentlemen who have contributed the different articles published in the report the Society beg to express their best acknowledgments, and venture to hope that their experience will be useful to all engaged in fruit growing in the Province of Quebec.

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