

the various buildings, a lack of sufficient seating accommodation about the grounds and other minor matters, are all attributable to the insufficient space at the disposal of the Association, and cannot well be remedied until the important question of obtaining additional land has been solved, which is a matter of paramount importance to the future success of the exhibition.

There are many important features that should engage the attention of the new Board of Directors in the way of additional buildings that cannot be much longer postponed, such as the enlargement of the present carriage building, also the enlargement of the present stove building, or the erection of a new one. The erection of a new fence around the grounds is imperative. The present fence is so dilapidated and decayed that it cannot possibly be of service much longer, as now it is almost impossible to keep the boys from tearing the pickets off and making large openings during Exhibition time. The question of the erection of a new fence undoubtedly belongs to the City Council, as by the terms of the lease to the Association the City undertakes to maintain the same as well as all the buildings on the ground. The erection of new and improved stables and cattle pens is also a matter that cannot be deferred any longer.

A slight injustice is done this Association in the manner in which the estimates of the Parks and Gardens Committee are prepared, and the accounts in relation to the Exhibition Park are kept, from the fact that many citizens suppose that the whole of the appropriation asked for in the city estimates of the year for this park are necessitated by the exhibition, when really such is not the case. A large proportion of the expenditure on these grounds is for keeping them up as a park for the use of the citizens during the summer, and in maintaining the green-houses in which the plants required for the whole of the parks of the city during the season are propagated and grown.

It is with pleasure that your Directors wish to express their appreciation of the cordial support and efficient services rendered by the various committees of the Association. To the Dog Show Committee, which is composed principally of gentlemen who are not members of the Association but take an interest in the canine race, are thanks specially due for their untiring efforts in connec-