

of great importance to a growing industry in this Canada of ours, and we trust the Government will continue the work so well begun. The report has lately been issued by the Government. It is a pamphlet of 164 pages, and contains much to interest all those engaged, or interested in fruit growing. We were enabled to obtain a copy for each member of our Association by applying to our M. P. the Hon. G. A. Gigault, and beg to acknowledge thanks for the same.

The Abbotsford Association took its share of prizes at the convention. Through their delegates they were enabled to place on exhibition several varieties of the leading winter apples of the Province, taking 18 prizes, amounting to \$51. An aggregate of over one eighth of the amount, offered in prizes for dried, preserved, and green fruits.

The Association had another distribution of trees last spring, which was the balance in stock of the Russian and North German pear, plum, and cherry, and consisted of 258 pear, 257 plum, and 55 cherry, forming a total of 570 trees, which with 525 distributed in the spring of 1889, and 50 furnished by the Experimental Farm, forms a grand total of 1145 as the result of the Moscow importation of 1884.

The Annual Exhibition was held at Abbotsford on the 18th September, when we were fortunate in having a fine day and a good attendance.

The display in fruits, flowers, and vegetables, was quite up to the average for size, beauty and quality, though the competition was below average in several sections; especially was this the case in the section for grapes. The season being an unfavorable one for outdoor grapes, and the exhibition being held earlier than usual will to a great extent account for this.

At the close of the exhibition a selection was made from the tables, to form a county collection of apples to compete in Montreal, and supplemented by a few plants from the Whitfield orchard, at Rougemont. This collection was placed in competition with three other counties, (Hochelaga, Huntingdon and Chateauguay), taking first prize.

The Annual meeting was held on the 3rd of November, when the financial statement of the Secretary showed a healthy state of the Society's funds; all expenses to date having been met, and a fair balance carried forward to the incoming year.

The result by ballot for officers was as follows:—J. M. Fisk, President, W. J. Gibb, Vice President; A. M. Fisk, Sec.-Treasurer. Directors, A. Brousseau, Geo. Roach, Jno. Donahue and W. R. Hovey.
