

office on the 1st May, 1882. The special object in view was to try and find some native apples of fine quality and capable of being kept over from the fall till late the following spring, which would be a great consideration. Six or seven different kinds of apples were sent in, the first and third prizes were awarded to Mr. Edwards, of Covey Hill, and the second prize to Mr. J. Smith, Lachine. None of those shown, however, came up to the point desired, and the committee could not recommend them for cultivation. Mr. Hamilton, of Grenville, Que., seems to have found a native apple having some of the requirements sought for and I believe it is now being propagated in one or two sections. I am informed there are a very large number of native apples scattered through Rigaud and other districts; many of which are said to be good keepers, and of good quality, among which, if carefully sought for, might be found some valuable varieties. I would suggest that the shortest and most satisfactory manner to test this matter, would be to employ a competent man to go through the country at the proper season, and procure specimens of the most promising fruit, to test in a proper manner, at the same time taking careful notes of the appearance, character and age of the tree &c., for reference.

The opportunity of seeing choice plants during winter here being esteemed by many a great privilege, the Secretary wrote to several gentlemen asking if they would favor the members of the Association by opening their conservatories on certain afternoons during the winter. The following ladies and gentlemen most kindly acceded to the request. Mrs. Redpath, Terrace Bank; Andrew Allan, Esq., Iononteh; Andrew Robertson, Esq., Elm Bank; Edward MacKay, Esq., Kildonan Hall; Wm. Lunn, Esq., and H. A. Nelson, Esq. Thus on occasional afternoons from the 26th of January to the 25th of March, members of the Association were given the opportunity of visiting the finest conservatories in the city. It is hoped some similar arrangement may be made the coming Winter.

The event, however, most looked forward to, by members and exhibitors generally, is the Annual Show; which took place in the Victoria Rink, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st of September