

the members under the present system, it is not very plain how they can be increased, unless some such step is taken. The very valuable work that has been done by the Society the past two years, by gathering together information concerning the very important matter of the fruits best adapted for cultivation in this Province, has excited in the minds, not only of some of our own members, but also of several gentlemen, members of the Council of Agriculture for the Province, a desire that this work should be continued. The most valuable portions of the two reports published by the Society have been translated into the French language and printed by the Government. It is very possible some scheme might be thought out that would meet with their approval, and make this Society a sort of head society for the Province, having Fruit Associations in different counties in connection with it. If some plan could be adopted which would enable the Montreal Horticultural Society to offer prizes for county collections of fruit and have them exhibited alongside Montreal fruit at a general exhibition, a wonderful impetus might be given to fruit-growing in the whole Province. This, of course, as well as the publishing of fruit reports is Provincial work, and the Society would have to have assistance. The work has now been begun, and a considerable amount of matter is at hand for the publication of a third fruit report, but unless either a general Fruit Association for the Province is formed, or this Society is placed in a condition to continue the work, it will have to cease.

The Act under which all the societies are worked is to be amended this session, and the Board of Directors would be pleased to receive written suggestions from any person interested in this important matter.

The Society is again greatly indebted to the members of the Fruit Committee for their disinterested but highly useful labors. They not only gave much time to the consideration of matters connected with the report, but in several instances were contributors of articles on different subjects. One of them, Mr. J. H. Springle, an old and valued member, and an