

## REPORT OF THE FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF L'ISLET COUNTY.

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The Secretary-Treasurer having given a statement of the transactions of the Society for the last year, the same Board of Directors was elected, and Hon. E. Dionne, Commissioner or Agriculture, was appointed Honorary President.

The members present at the meeting expressed their satisfaction of the increasing interest taken by the farmers in fruit-growing, more trees being planted, and more care being taken of the orchards.

The Society has distributed last Spring to its members, apple trees of the new Ontario varieties, principally Arnold's Seedlings, the members paying half the cost. We hope the introduction of testing these seedlings shall prove them to be profitable and hardy in this district.

The Society's Exhibition of fruits, flowers, cte., was held Sept. 28th last, at St. Jean Port Joli, and attracted a great number of people. The specimens of apples, flowers, pears and grapes, were very fine, though less in quantity than the preceding year, especially with plums, of which the crop was a failure, the trees were exhausted by the heavy crops of 1880-81.

The Duchess of Oldenburg, Astrachan St. Lawrence, Famuese, Colvert and Baldwin apples were remarkably large and fine; the best plums exhibited were the Lombard, Bradshaw, Washington, Yellow Egg, Imperial Gage, and of the old and esteemed Orleans blue and yellow. The grapes were much admired, the varieties exhibited were Concord, Hartford Prolific, Champion. Of currants the Versaillaise were the best. Eighteen samples of home-made wines were considered very good. They had been manufactured with cherries, currants, plums and rhubarb. One of the exhibitors had made over 100 gallons, and he declared "it paid him better