

gentlemen to the Secretary in obtaining new subscribers for this result. About 175 persons who were not members last year became members this. Unless the members are willing to give the Secretary some assistance each year, the membership, from removal, failure in business and other causes, will grow smaller. Unfortunately the country membership is not what it ought to be, there having been only nine subscribers the past year at \$1 each. About the only way in which this membership could be increased would be through the different County Agricultural Societies. If a circular was issued by the Society, setting forth its aim, and endorsed by some well-known men in the community, and, if necessary, a premium paid for obtaining members, something might be done. The total membership the past year has been 697, and the income from this source, \$1,385. I believe this is a larger amount than has been raised in the same way by any other Society of a similar kind either in Canada or the United States. The membership fees of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association were, I understand, about \$1,065 the past year. The average membership of this Society for the past four years has been 748, and the amount derived from members' fees, \$1,490. With such an evidence of what determined effort can do, this Association should never be allowed to sink to the insignificant position it has occupied at times in its past history. I regret to say that, though I believe the Agricultural Societies have received their annual grant, this Society has not received its. Owing to this fact the Society has been greatly hampered, and there was more or less delay in paying the prizes. They have all been provided for now, however, and when the grants are received there will be a balance of cash on hand of \$396.03, after paying all liabilities, being an increase of \$25.24 over last year. In addition to this, \$155 worth has been added to the property of the Society in the shape of trestles, books for library, &c.

The receipts at the door for admission to the exhibition were very disappointing, only \$291.15 having been derived from this source. Everything was done to make the show attractive, and the splendid musical concerts given by the "A" Battery band