

Bands of music were in attendance, and the Rink was thronged with delighted visitors during three days.

The thanks of the Society are due to the Judges, who impartially performed their duties, giving general satisfaction.

The amount received for admission was \$1,791.20; the expenses \$1,258.08, leaving a balance of \$533.12.

The City Corporation appropriated \$4,000 for the Provincial Exhibition. This grant is justified on the ground that the trade of the city is benefited by the large concourse of people, and the material interests of the country are promoted by the encouragement given to the Arts, Manufactures, Horticulture and Agriculture.

Although your Society, by its Exhibition, contributed so largely to the attractions for strangers, and is engaged in promoting one of the largest industrial interests of the Island of Montreal, yet no portion of this grant was awarded in aid of its portion of the General Exhibition.

Your Board considers they have just grounds of complaint that by technical construction of the terms of the grant, your Society was deprived of aid which it was doubtless the intention of the Corporation to afford for the promotion of its objects in common with those of Arts, Manufactures and Agriculture.

Your Society has received from Government the annual grant of \$331.

The attention of your Society has from time to time been directed to the establishment of a public BOTANICAL GARDEN, and during the past year efforts were made to affect arrangements by which the McGill College property could be devoted to that object. The limited extent of land available, and a lack of interest in the public, prevented the attainment of the object. Your Board would still commend the subject to their successors, considering that a public Botanical Garden would be invaluable in the promotion of science and horticulture, and at the same time afford a healthful resort for the citizens of our crowded city.

In the death of Mr. George Shepherd, your Society has lost one of its oldest and most useful members, and one who had contributed much to the advancement of the Agriculture of the Province.

The active and unwearied services of the Secretary in promoting the interests of the Society, demand your especial thanks.

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