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REPORT.

THE Annual Meeting of the MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY was held in the Natural History Society's Rooms, on the 29th December, 1864.

The Vice-President, Mr. S. J. LYMAN, occupied the chair, and presented the Annual Report as follows, viz. :—

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS OF THE MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Your Board congratulates the Society on attaining this its Nineteenth Anniversary.

Although the past year has not been favorable to Horticultural pursuits, and your Exhibitions have not displayed as large collections of Fruit and Flowers as on former occasions, yet it is very satisfactory to notice the steady progress of the Society, the largely increased membership, its extended influence, and its healthy financial condition.

In the death of GEORGE DESBARATS, Esq., late President of this Society, we have to mourn the loss of one who has ever manifested the deepest interest in its welfare, and who enjoyed the respect and esteem, not only of the Society, but of the community in general. His wise management, his active efforts, his untiring energy, have contributed largely to your present prosperous state. As a token of respectful regard, the Society followed his remains to their final resting-place. His memory will ever be cherished among us as one with whom it was an honor to be associated and whose death is a public loss.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

was held on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of September last, in the Victoria Skating Rink. This building, so well adapted for the purposes of a Floral Exhibition, was tastefully and appropriately fitted up by the Committee of Arrangements for the accommodation of a large display, and which the unfavorable season alone prevented being made. For several days previous, violent storms of rain prevailed, and seemed to destroy all hopes of success. A larger number however of entries were made than at former exhibitions; and it is probable that, but for the untoward circumstance above stated, it would have been the greatest display of Horticultural products ever made in Canada.

It is to the credit of the Society to record, that the largest amount as prizes ever offered in British North America for such products was paid by your Board at this Exhibition.

The increased cultivation of Grapes, under glass, was manifest in the extensive display of this fine fruit. The size, quality, and variety were subject of constant remark and interest.

Apples, a few years since, were a leading feature of your exhibitions, but latterly, owing to the destruction of the orchards, have comparatively disappeared from the tables; they have, however, this year begun to resume their place.

The collections of Plums and Peaches were small, and not equal to former times.

The fine assortment of Pears, grown by J. H. Springle, Esq., on the Mountain side, was among the best ever presented.

Out-door Grapes, though in abundance, were in many instances unripe; but varieties of the earlier sorts were in good condition.

Melons were in great profusion, and of fine quality.

The weather, though unfavorable for Fruits and Flowers, was very favorable for the growth of Vegetables. Cauliflowers were shown twenty inches in diameter, compact, and of snowy whiteness. Cabbages, in size and solidity, could scarcely be surpassed. Vegetables, including several new sorts, were in great perfection.

Few Flowers, owing to the weather, were exhibited. The Dahlia, which had hitherto been shown in such perfection, was inferior to former occasions.

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The collections of Flowers are fast improving in character.

The Bouquets and Floral Designs evinced an improved taste.

For the display of Greenhouse and Stove Plants, you are indebted to John Torrance, Esq., W. Lunn, Esq., and Mr. Spriggings, of the Cemetery. The obligation to these gentlemen is enhanced, when it is remembered, that the prizes scarcely afford remuneration for the cost of transport.

The Wax Flowers, in groups and single specimens, evinced much skill and taste; and still further encouragement is recommended. In this beautiful art, the groups prepared by—

Mrs. GORDON MCKENZIE,

Mrs. TIFFIN,

Mrs. HARVEY, and

Mrs. BELL,

were highly commended.

The Skeleton Flowers, presented by Mrs. NEIL MCINTOSH, well repaid the careful examination of visitors.

Prizes for Agricultural Products were offered to a large extent, but failed to attract farmers, with few exceptions, beyond the neighborhood.

To encourage a taste for Music, prizes were offered for the best Bands, but the result leads your Board not to recommend a repetition.

The severe storm prevented the attendance of many visitors. As a consequence, the receipts were by no means equal to the expenses, and entailed a serious loss. Thanks, however, to the Government grant, the Society was enabled to fulfil its obligations and promptly to pay the prizes and all other liabilities.

Your Society is under obligations to the Judges, whose awards gave general satisfaction. Their names were as follows, viz.:—

Bouquets and Floral Designs.

LADY RUSSELL,

Hon. Mrs. ROLLO,

Madame PERRAULT DE LINIÈRE.

Vegetables and Grains.

Hon. W. SHEPHERD,

Rev. Mr. BRUNET.

Flowers and Fruits.

Rev. Mr. VILLENEUVE, B. K. BLISS, Esq.,
W. VASS, Esq.

Poultry and Singing Birds.

JAMES FERRIER, Jun., Esq., Mr. MCGINN.

To Mr. JAMES NAIRN also, your Society is greatly indebted for superintending the arrangements of the Exhibition.

Your Board would urge upon your attention the importance of encouraging a more general taste for the cultivation of Flowers among those in the city who are deprived of the advantages of a garden. It is desirable, especially among the working classes, that

WINDOW GARDENING

Should be promoted as a means of refinement and of making home attractive. With this view, your Board recommend that a separate class of prizes be awarded for Plants grown in a Cottage Window, a nominal entry-fee only being charged. The prizes should be numerous and varied, and confined to those whose daily occupations are not connected with gardening. The benevolent should be invited to aid in the enterprize, to secure the co-operation of those whom the prizes are designed to encourage in the cultivation of Flowers, and upon whom the influence cannot be otherwise than salutary.

As the—

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

takes place in Montreal this year, it is desirable that your Annual Exhibition be held at the same time; and, to render it still more useful, it is suggested that the Horticultural Societies of the Province be invited to unite in presenting a full representation of the Horticultural Products of Canada, especially of its Fruits.

Your Board would also recommend that a—

POMOLOGICAL CONVENTION

be held during the Exhibition Week, for the purpose of obtaining the results of the experience of successful fruit-growers as to cultivation and adaptation to the climate.

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Your Board have applied to the City Corporation for a proportion of the grant usually accorded in aid of the Provincial Exhibition, and it is hoped that your just claim will this year be considered.

It is very important that—

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

be obtained in regard to the commercial value of Gardening as an industrial art. Your Board would suggest that a report be kept of the annual value of the exports from this port of garden produce.

The valuable services of your active and efficient Secretary, Mr. PELL, demand your thanks.

In conclusion, there is before us the ensuing year, if the suggestions of this Report are carried out, much to be done, requiring a large amount of time and attention, and to insure success, the cordial co-operation of every member is indispensable.

May a kind Providence and propitious skies bless your labors, and our Annual Festival present such a display of the fruits of the earth as will afford ample subject for pride and congratulation.

(Signed,)

S. J. LYMAN,

Vice-President.

MONTREAL, 29th December, 1864.

The Report being approved of, it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Mr. Pell for his efficient management, together with the sum of fifty pounds, in appreciation of his services.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE
of the MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL and HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY for the Year 1864.

RECEIPTS.		\$ c.
To Cash in hand		396.73
" Members' Subscriptions.....		362.00
" Agricultural do		7.00
" Admissions at the doors of the Exhibition.....		664.05
" Government grant		331.00
" Interest		15.87
		<u>\$1776.65</u>
LIABILITIES.		\$ c.
Prizes not yet called for		17.75
EXPENDITURE.		\$ c.
By Wages at the Exhibition.....		60.50
" Agricultural and Horticultural Prizes		784.75
" Musical Prizes.....		90.00
" C. Baccorigi Cartage and repairs of Statuary.....		10.00
" Gas Company.....		20.61
" J. Day, Evergreens and Flowers for Building.....		14.50
" Kingan & Co., for a Flag.....		17.00
" 6 Baskets \$1.75, Cartage \$2.25.....		4.00
" W. Vass, expenses coming as a Judge		5.00
" B. K. Bliss do do		11.70
" Police		4.80
" G. Watson, Bill Poster.....		3.74
" Winn & Holland, Iron for Fountain.....		36.72
" A. Dunn, making do do do		35.08
" Lowe & Chamberlain, Advertising.....		20.00
" E. H. Parsons, do		20.00
" D. McDonald, do		20.00
" Penny, Wilson & Co., do		25.00
" J. Dougall & Co., do		35.00
" J. Starke, Printing.....		44.80
" J. C. Becket, do		14.95
" W. Reid, Carpenters' Work.....		57.45
" J. Torrance, Boards		2.40
" J. Murphy, Painting, Glazing, &c.....		23.10
" J. Walker, Nails, Twine, &c.....		2.68
" L. Larose, Painting Signs.....		6.00
" Cadoret Bros., Tin Vases.....		1.00
" R. Miller, Books, &c.....		7.33
" Natural History Society, and W. Hunter, Rent		13.00
" Postage 3.35, Cartage 9.50.....		12.85
" N. Molloy, prizes of last year.....		1.50
" Secretary-Treasurer, &c., &c., Allowance.....		200.00
	Balance.....	163.25
		<u>\$1776.65</u>

Montreal, Dec. 29th, 1864.

J. E. PELL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

We have examined the Accounts for the year 1864, and the Vouchers for monies paid, and find the whole correct and in order—showing a balance on hand of one hundred and sixty-three dollars, seventy-five cents, as at 31st December, 1864.

(Signed), T. M. THOMSON,
 JAMES NAIRN,
 ARCHD. MACFARLANE, } *Auditors.*

The Society also has the following materials in hand viz :—

	\$	cts.
Two Silk Banners, of the value of.....	10.00	
Lead Pipes, &c.....	20.00	
Tin Plates, Vases, &c.....	92.00	
Lumber for Tables, &c.....	114.00	
Wire Basket.....	4.00	
Unfinished Cases.....	40.00	
	—————	
		\$280.00

The above mostly acquired during last year, and the following, acquired during this year :—

One Flag.....	17.00
Six Baskets,.....	1.75
Iron Basin for Fountain.....	61.72
Finishing Cases.....	37.00
2 dozen tin Vases.....	9.00
	—————
	126.47

Or a Total of..... \$406.47

The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year :—

President,—S. J. Lyman, Esq.

Vice-President,—W. Evans, Esq.

Secy.-Treasurer,—J. E. Pell.

Directors.—Messrs. H. Brodie, R. Spriggings, J. Archbold, T. Wall, J. H. Springle, J. Middleton, J. Nairn.

Members of the Board of Agriculture,—Major Campbell, Honorables S. V. Sicotte, U. Tessier and John Yule, Esq.

It was then moved by Mr. J. Thayer, and seconded by Mr. J. J. Arnton, that an extract of the Report be forwarded to Madame Desbarats.

The Meeting then adjourned for three weeks.

J. E. PELL,
Secy.-Treasurer.

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SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

OFFERED BY THE

Montreal Agricultural and Horticultural Society

FOR THE YEAR 1865.



BOUQUETS, WREATHS & PLANTS.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1. Bouquets.—Two large vase	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
2. " Pair side-table or fan	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
3. " Hand	2.00	1.50	.75	.50	
4. Floral Design, for supper table	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	
5. Wreaths.—Handsomest.	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
6. Garland—Not less than 15 feet long	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
7. Rustic Work—Never before exhibited	4.00	3.00	2.00		
8. Greenhouse Plants—Not less than 50 Plants.	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	
9. " " —12 Plants.	5.00	3.00	2.00		
10. Stove Plants	8.00	6.00	4.00		
11. Geraniums—12	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
12. Fuschias—12	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	
13. Canadian Ferns—Collection in Pots, named.	3.00	2.00	1.00		
14. Winter Bouquet	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	
FLOWERS.					
15. Annuals—Best collect'n and greatest variety	5.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	
16. Biennials " " " " " "	3.00	2.50	1.00	.75	
17. Cockscombs—6 in Pots	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
18. Stocks—Collection	2.00	1.50	.75	.50	
19. Salpiglossis—Collection	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
20. Hollyhocks—12 single blooms	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
21. Petunias—Collection	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	.50
22. Pansees—12 distinct blooms	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
23. " —Collection	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
24. Asters—30 distinct varieties	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	

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	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
25. Asters—Collection Globe flowered.....	2.50	1.50	1.00	.75		64. C
26. " —Best and greatest display.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
27. Phlox Perennial—Collection, named.....	2.50	1.50	1.00	.75		65.
28. Immortelles—Collection.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00		
29. Phlox Annual.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	.75		66. I
30. Balsams—6 to be exhibited in Pots.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75		67. I
31. Verbenas—Greatest and best variety.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50		68. I
32. " —12 single blooms, named.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75		69.
33. Double Zennias—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75		70. I
34. Dahlias—24 dissimilar blooms, named.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
35. " —18 " " " ".....	4.00	3.00	2.50	1.50	.75	
36. " —12 " " " ".....	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	.50	71. C
37. " —6 " " " ".....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75		72. C
38. " —Pompon, collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00			73.
SPECIAL PRIZES.						
39. Dahlias—Largest and best collection, dis- similar blooms, named.....	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	74.
40. Perpetual Roses—Collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00		75. I
41. Gladiolus—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.50		76. S
42. Liliams—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00			77. C
43. Gloxinia—6.....	2.00	1.50	1.00			78.
44. Achemines—6 in Pots.....	2.00	1.50	1.00			79. I
45. Device in Fruit and Flowers, most tasteful for Dinner or Supper Table, not before exhibited.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		80. 7
46. Ornamental Grasses.....	2.00	1.50	1.00			81. 7
WINDOW PLANTS.						
47. Fuschias—Best two.....	1.50	1.00	.75	.50		82.
48. Geraniums " ".....	1.50	1.00	.75	.50		83. C
49. Roses.....	1.50	1.00	.75	.50		84.
50. Mignonette—Best box.....	1.00	.75	.50	.25		85. I
51. Oleander—Best.....	3.00	2.00	1.00			86. C
52. Plants—Best collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00			87. I
FRUIT.						
53. Peaches—Collection, named, open culture..	2.00	1.50	1.00	.50		88.
54. " —Under Glass.....	2.00	1.50	1.00			89.
55. " —Grown in pots, collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00			90. S
56. Nectarines—Collection.....	1.50	1.00				91. C
57. Plums—Largest and best collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00		92.
58. Apples—Collection, named, not less than 20 varieties, 5 of each.....	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00		93. S
59. " —12 varieties, 5 of each.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	94.
60. Pears—Collection, named.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00		95.
61. Grapes—Best and heaviest two ripe bunches, grown in open ground.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00		96. I
62. " —Best five bunches grown under glass	7.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	97. V
63. " —Best and heaviest two bunches black, grown under glass.....	5.00	3.50	2.50	2.00	1.00	98. M
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64. Grapes—Best and heaviest two bunches, white, grown under glass.....	5.00	3.50	2.50	2.00	1.00
65. " —Greatest collection of the best varieties, grown under glass	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
66. Lawton blackberries—Best dish.....	2.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	
67. Fruit—Baskets of various sorts.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
68. Melons—Best and richest flavored.....	3.00	2.00	1.50		
69. " —Best Water	2.00	1.50	1.00		
70. Figs—Best display.....	1.00				
VEGETABLES.					
71. Cauliflower—4 heads.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
72. Cabbage—Two heads Winter.....	3.00	2.00	1.50		
73. " — " Red.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
74. " — " Savoy.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
75. Brussels Sprouts—Two stalks	1.50	1.00			
76. Scotch Kale—Two heads.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
77. Celery—Largest and best blanched six roots, white.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
78. " —Six roots, Red.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
79. Beets—Best variety for table use.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
80. Turnips—Six roots.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
81. Tomatoes—Six sorts	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
82. " —Best twelve.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
83. Carrots—Twelve Early Horn.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
84. " —Twelve Long Red	1.50	1.00	.75		
85. Parsnips—Twelve table	1.50	1.00	.75		
86. Onions—Best four sorts, six of each.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
87. Egg Plants—Best four sorts, six of each	2.00	1.50	1.00		
88. " —Best and heaviest Purple	1.00				
89. " — " " " White.....	1.00				
90. Salsify—Best twelve roots	2.00	1.50	1.00		
91. Corn—Best and greatest collection	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
92. " —Best six ears sweet.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
93. Squashes—Two Canada.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
94. " —Collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
95. " —Winter.....	1.50	1.00	.25		
96. Pumpkins—Two Yellow.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
97. Vegetable Marrow—Two specimens.....	1.50	1.00	.75		
98. Mushrooms—Basket cultivated.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
99. Potatoes—Table, six varieties, six of each..	2.00	1.50	1.00	.75	
100. Beans—Collection green, fit for table use..	1.50	1.00	.75		
101. Sweet Herbs—Collection	1.50	1.00	.75		
102. Vegetables—For any new variety, suitable for the table	2.00	1.50	1.00		
SINGING BIRDS.					
103. Canaries—Best pair	2.00	1.00			
104. " —Collection	3.00	2.00	1.00		
105. Canadian Birds—Collection.....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
106. Imported Birds— "	4.00	2.00	1.00		

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107. Canadian Birds, (Stuffed)—Collection.....	4.00	2.00	1.00		
108. Herbarium—Best col. of pressed Indigenous Plants	4.00	2.00			
109. Aquarium—Made in Montreal.....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
110. Moss House—Best Model, never before ex- hibited	4.00	3.00	2.00		
111. Miniature Cottage and Garden	4.00	3.00	2.00		
112. Rustic Chair—Best, never before exhibited.	2.00				
113. Water-Col'd Painting of Indigenous Flowers	4.00				
114. " " of Fruit or Flowers, executed during the past year...	4.00				
115. Wax Flowers—Best group	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
116. " " —Single	2.00	1.00			
117. Photograph Fruit Colored—Best.....	4.00	2.00			
118. " " Flowers " "	4.00	2.00			

In consequence of the Provincial Exhibition of the Agricultural Association of Lower Canada being held in Montreal this year, the Agricultural Prizes are not yet arranged; but as soon as the Board of Agriculture meets, the matter will be attended to, and due notice given of the arrangements effected in reference thereto.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1.—All articles *placed in competition for premiums* are to be *bond fide* the GROWTH OR PRODUCTION OF COMPETITORS; and, if proved not to be such, the competitor to be disqualified for receiving any premium whatever at the Exhibition.

2.—All articles to be exhibited for premiums must be placed in the stands by TEN o'clock, A. M. *This Rule will be strictly adhered to.*

3.—All articles exhibited shall remain in the building until the close of the Exhibition, when they will be delivered to the contributors, unless otherwise directed.

4.—The Judges shall have the discretionary power of withholding premiums, if, in their opinion, the articles exhibited do not merit them.

5.—In awarding premiums on plants in pots, special reference will be had to the beauty of the specimens, profusion of bloom, and evidence of superior cultivation. Inferior specimens will be excluded by the Judges from competition.

6.—Gratuities will be awarded by the Judges for any new or rare fruit, flowers, plants, or other objects of particular interest, and for which no special premium has been offered.

7.—Parties will not be allowed to take more than one prize in the same section; and no articles for which a premium has already been awarded, will be entitled to another.

8.—It is also required that fruit, flowers, and vegetables should be accompanied by brief observations on the mode of cultivation, *if peculiar*, together with any other remarks of utility.

9.—No individual, except the Judges, will be allowed to touch or handle any fruit, flower, or other articles exhibited.

10.—The decision of the Judges, as regards the premiums, must be considered final.

11.—The Judges shall not be competitors in that class for which they are to award premiums.

12.—No persons allowed to be present while the Judges are awarding the premiums.

13.—Any deviation, more or less, from the exact quantities or numbers specified in the schedule, will disqualify a competitor.

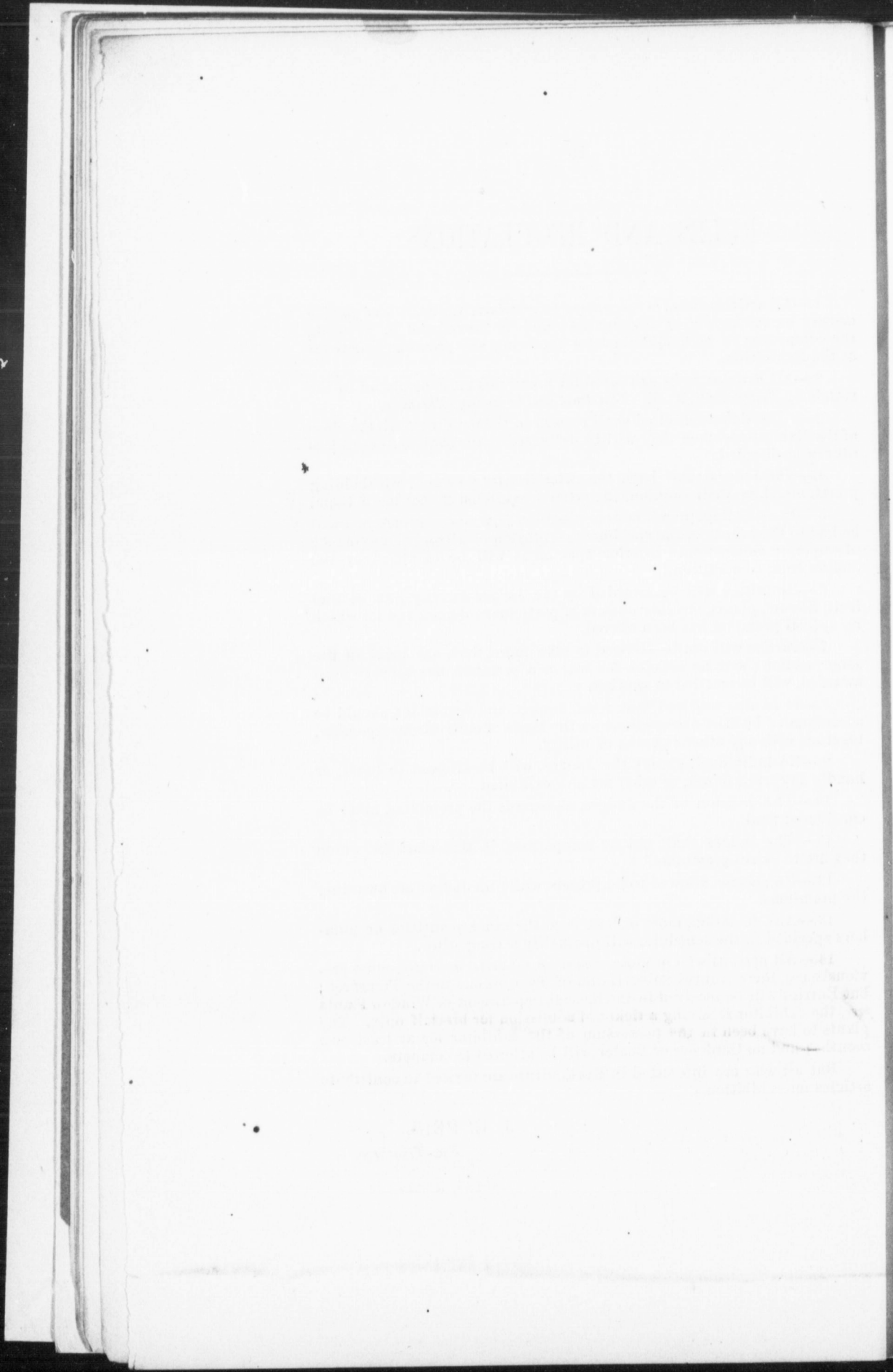
14.—All persons who propose *competing for prizes generally*, must previously pay their Annual Subscription of Two Dollars to the Treasurer; but Entries will be received in the Special Department of Window Plants *free*, the exhibitor receiving a ticket of admission for himself only. The plants to have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least two months; and no Gardener or Dealer will be allowed to compete.

But all who are interested in Horticulture are invited to contribute articles for exhibition.

J. E. PELL,
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