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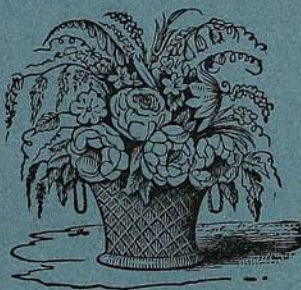
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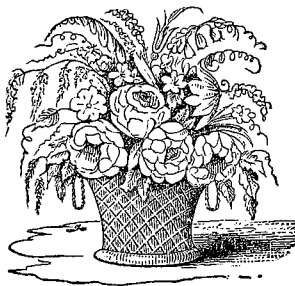
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REPORT.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday evening, the 19th of January, in the Lecture Room of the Natural History Society.

In the absence from town of the President, S. J. Lyman, Esq., V.P., occupied the chair,—Mr. J. E. Pell acting as Secretary.

There were present a large number of members, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. In opening the business of the meeting, the Chairman said :—Before presenting the report of the Board of Directors for the past year, which has been the most prosperous in our history, it seems appropriate to review the progress of the Society since its formation. It is now eighteen years since a few individuals, actuated by a desire to promote the advancement of Horticulture, met for the purpose of organizing a Society. Most prominent among these were the Rev. Mr. Villeneuve, the Hon. Mr. Justice Day, Messrs. Lunn, Frothingham, Murray, and Allan. As its first Secretary, it gives me pleasure to testify to the active efforts and interest of many who are here present this evening to whom the Society is indebted for its maintenance during the first years of its existence. They will well remember the difficulties attending its management with a limited income of three or four hundred dollars per annum,—never sufficient to meet the current expenditure. Since that period the Society, with its increased usefulness, has advanced in public favor, and is to-day in a position its earliest friends little anticipated. If we compare the income of 1862 with that of the past year, a marked increase will be observed. In 1862 it was \$1,559.55; that of 1863 was \$2,487.76;—showing an advance of \$928.21. There have also been added to the Society thirty-nine members. But not only in income and membership is progress manifest, but our exhibitions have been superior in every point to any former period. Having learned this evening that there will be no Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in Lower Canada this year, and as the

best time for holding our own is earlier than that of a purely Agricultural Society, I would suggest that the Prize List be extended so as to embrace agricultural products more generally, and that competitors be admitted to exhibit in this department only by payment of an entrance fee of one dollar. In this way, to a certain extent, the want of a Provincial Exhibition could be supplied. I regret the absence of our worthy President, Mr. Desbarats; but at the same time, it gives me an opportunity to testify, without embarrassment, to the fact that to his devotion to Horticultural pursuits, to his deep interest in the welfare of the Society, and to his judicious management, we are mainly indebted for our prosperity. And I cannot omit bearing testimony to the untiring labors and to the faithful discharge of official duties of our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Pell.

Without longer detaining you, I have the honor, on behalf of the Directors, to present to you the 18th Annual Report:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1863.

Your Board offer their hearty congratulation on the auspicious circumstances under which the Society assembles on this the 18th anniversary. At no period of its history has equal success attended its operations as during the past year. We meet, for the first time, free of debt, having not only met the current expenses, but liquidated many long-standing claims at the same time. As will be seen by the Secretary-Treasurer's Report, there is a balance in the Savings Bank to the credit of the Society of \$396.73,—besides property to the value of at least \$250 in the charge of the Treasurer. Those only who are familiar with the early history of the Society in its struggle for existence, the difficulties attending its management with accumulated debt, can fully appreciate its present fortunate position. Your operations have been chiefly confined to the promotion of

EXHIBITIONS,

the first of which was held in July, at Nordheimers' Music Hall. This was intended for Roses, but such is the uncertainty of the season, that a few days often bring flowers to rapid maturity, or prevents their

full development ; so that it is often impossible to fix upon a suitable time for an Exhibition, with sufficient notice to ensure attendance of competitors or visitors. Such was the difficulty with this Exhibition in July ; Roses had already passed their prime. Still there was a considerable competition, and a fine display of Greenhouse Plants, Fruits, and Vegetables. The collection of Strawberries attracted much attention. So far as pecuniary advantage is concerned, the Summer Exhibitions are attended with heavy expenses.

You were again indebted to Mr. Faris for a valuable collection of Indigenous Plants, gathered in the neighborhood of Sorel. Some of these were extremely beautiful, and of great interest to the florist. Your Board would urge more attention to the flora of the country, and suggest prizes for the successful cultivation of Indigenous Plants in gardens.

Your Board received an invitation to unite with the Provincial Agricultural Association in their Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures and Agriculture, in the Crystal Palace ; but, finding that the accommodations would not be sufficient for the large display of Horticultural products anticipated, it was decided to hold the Society's Exhibition in the spacious building of the Victoria Skating Club. As the undertaking involved considerable expense, your Board resolved to spare no effort to render it successful. Your Secretary very kindly consented to visit different parts of the country, to have bills posted, prize lists distributed, and notices given, which no doubt contributed to the success of the Exhibition. The work of preparation occupied nearly 15 days. New tables and stands were erected, a fountain in the centre of the Rink was formed, surrounded by a large basin with a green turf border, and tastefully decorated with flowers.

The tables, occupying three times the extent of any former Exhibition, were well filled. One length of the tables (over 70 feet,) was covered with glass cases to preserve the more choice fruits, and sufficient tin plates and vases, painted green, were provided for the whole. The leading objects of the Exhibition were the Grapes, Apples and Pears, but more especially the collection of Pears from Mr. Jas. Dougall, of Windsor, Green House Plants, Vegetables, Asters, Dahlias, Helychrysums, Bouquets.

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.

In conclusion, your Society, now free from debt, and with ample funds at command, is now in a position to realize the objects for which it was founded, and it is to be hoped that the year now past is but the beginning of a new career of usefulness and prosperity.

S. JONES LYMAN,
Vice-President.

J. E. PELL, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MONTREAL
AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS FOR 1863.

	\$	cts.
Cash in hand		16.95
Members' Subscriptions		339.00
At the July Exhibition		7.25
Tickets of admission to Green Houses		62½
At the September Exhibition		1791.20
Government Grant		331.00
Interest		1.74
	<u>\$2487.76½</u>	

EXPENDITURE FOR 1863.

	\$	cts.
Prizes at the July Exhibition		122.00
Rent of Hall, Wages, &c., at do		9.80
Prizes at the September Exhibition		428.50
Printing Accounts for this year		112.00
Advertising, Circulating and Posting Bills, Prize Lists, &c.		159.00
Do., do., balances of past year		131.85
Wages at the September Exhibition		107.50
Bands at do.		131.25
Mitchell, Cockburn & Co., (Plumbing)		42.00
Cadoret Bros., (Tin Plates, Vases, &c.)		92.00
Police		24.00
W. F. Gairdner, (Rent and Gas)		71.00
W. Reid, (Carpenter's Work)		166.25
A. Decaire, (Wire Basket)		4.00
J. Clavel, (Basin for Fountain)		25.00
F. Campell, (old claim)		40.00
Industrial Rooms, (Rosettes)		6.00
A. Ramsay, (Glass)		14.04
Jno. Torrance, (Lumber)		14.80
P. Crein, (re-arranging Building, &c.)		13.50
Ferrier & Co., (old claim)		32.00
A. Rough, (Refreshments for Bands, &c.)		16.00
R. Miller, (Books)		3.72
T. Badenach, (Hardware)		1.16
Half-Ream of Paper		3.75
Cartage and Assistance		14.75
J. E. Pell, for his services as Collector, Canvasser, General Manager, and Sec.-Treasurer		300.00
Natural History Society, for Gas		1 00
Mechanics' Institute, (Rent)		5.00
Balance in hand		396.73½
	<u>\$2487.76½</u>	

We have examined the accounts for the year 1863, and the vouchers for money paid, and find the whole correct and in order, showing a balance in hand of three hundred and ninety-six dollars, seventy-three cents, as at 31st Dec., 1863.

(Signed,)

THOS. M. THOMSON,
ARCHD. McFARLANE, } Auditors.
JAMES MAIRN,

Then it was moved by T. M. Thomson, Esq., seconded by A. Mcfarlane, Esq.,

That the report of the Directors be received and adopted ; and that the mover and seconder, together with Mr. Jas. Nairn, be appointed Auditors to examine the Treasurer's statement and report to a future meeting of the members, to be called at as early a day as convenient.—Carried.

Messrs. R. Sprigings and J. Thayer, Junr., were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot, and the election of officers for the present year was proceeded with, and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected :—

President—G. Desbarats, Esq.,

Vice-President—S. J. Lyman, Esq.,

Sec.-Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Pell.

Committee—Messrs. J. Archbold, R. Sprigings, T. Wall, J. Middleton, T. Irving, S. C. Bagg, and M. H. Seymour.

Moved by S. Lucombe, Esq., seconded by J. Thayer, Esq.,

That the following gentlemen receive the vote of this Society as *Members of the Board of Agriculture*—Hon. P. U. Archambault, O. E. Casgrain, B. Pomroy, and Dr. J. C. Tache.—Carried by acclamation.

After a few minor resolutions, the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Vice-President Lyman for his impartial conduct in the chair, and then adjourned.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

OFFERED BY THE

Montreal Agricultural and Horticultural Society

FOR THE YEAR 1864.



BOUQUETS, WREATHS, PLANTS, &c.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1. Bouquets.—Two large vases.....	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	0.75	0.50	
4. Floral Design	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—Collection.....	6.00	4.00	2.00		
11. Geraniums—12.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
12. Fuschias—12.....	5.00	3.50	2.00	1.50	
13. Canadian Ferns—Collection in Pots, named...	3.00	2.00	1.00		
14.*Plants—4 grown in a window.....	2.50	1.00			
*Greenhouse Plants excluded.					
FLOWERS.					
15. Annuals—Best collection and greatest variety.	5.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	
16. Biennials " " " " " "	3.00	2.50	1.00	0.75	
17. Cockscombs—6 in Pots.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
18. Stocks—Collection	2.00	1.50	0.75	0.50	
19. Salpiglossis—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
20. Hollyhocks—12 single blooms.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
21. Pitunias—Collection	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	0.50
22. Pansees—12 distinct blooms.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
23. " —Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
24. Asters—30 distinct varieties.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
25. " —Collection Globe flowered.....	2.50	1.50	1.00	0.75	
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	0.75	
28. Winter Bouquet.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	
29. Immortelles—Collection.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	
30. Phlox Annual.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	0.75	
31. Balsams—6 to be exhibited in pots.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
32. Verbenas—Greatest and best variety.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	
33. " —12 single blooms, named.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
34. Double Zennias—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
35. Dahlias—24 dissimilar blooms, named.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
36. " —12 " " ".....	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	0.50
37. " —6 " " ".....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
38. " —Pompon, collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		

SPECIAL PRIZES.

39. Dahlias—Largest and best collection, dissimilar blooms, named.....	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
40. Perpetual Roses—Collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
41. Gladiolus—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.50	
42. Lilliums—Collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
43. Gloxinia—6.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
44. Achemines—6.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
45. Device—Most tasteful for Dinner or Supper Table, not before exhibited.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	
46. Ornamental Grasses.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		

FRUIT.

47. Peaches—Collection, named, open culture.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.50	
48. " —Under Glass.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
49. " —Grown in pots, collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
50. Nectarines—Collection.....	1.50	1.00			
51. Plums—Largest and best collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
52. " —Best seedling.....	2.00	1.00			
53. Apples—Collection, named, not less than 20 varieties, 5 of each.....	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	
54. " —12 varieties, 5 of each.....	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50
55. " —Seedling, never before exhibited.....	1.00				
56. Pears—Collection, named.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
57. Grapes—Best and heaviest two ripe bunches, grown in open ground.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
58. " —Best five bunches, grown under glass.....	7.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
59. " —Best and heaviest two bunches black, grown under glass.....	5.00	3.50	2.50	2.00	1.00
60. " —Best and heaviest two bunches white, grown under glass.....	5.00	3.50	2.50	2.00	1.00
61. " —Greatest collection of the best varieties, grown under glass.....	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
62. Lawton Blackberries—Best dish.....	2.50	1.50	1.00		
63. Fruit—Basket of various sorts.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
64. Melons—Best and richest flavored.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
65. " —Best Water.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
66. Figs—Best display.....	1.00				

VEGETABLES.

67. Cauliflowers—Four heads.....	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
68. Cabbage—Two heads Winter.....	3.00	2.00	1.50		
69. " — " Red.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
70. " — " Savoy.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
71. Brussels Sprouts—Two stalks.....	1.50	1.00			
72. Scotch Kale—Two heads.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
73. Celery—Largest and best blanched six roots, whita.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
74. " —Six roots, Red.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
75. Beets—Darkest and best-formed six roots.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
76. " —Best variety for table use.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
77. Turnips—Six roots.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
78. Tomatoes—Six sorts.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
79. " —Best twelve.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
80. Carrots—Twelve Early Horn.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
81. " —Twelve Long Red.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
82. Parsnips—Twelve table.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
83. Onions—Best four sorts, six of each.....	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	
84. Egg Plants—Best four sorts, six of each.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
85. " " —Best and heaviest Purple.....	1.00				
86. " " — " " " White.....	1.00				
87. Salsafy—Best twelve roots.....	1.50	1.00			
88. Corn—Best and greatest collection.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
89. " —Best six ears sweet.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
90. Squashes—Two Canada.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
91. " —Collection.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
92. " —Winter.....	1.50	1.00	0.25		
93. Pumpkins—Two Yellow.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
94. Vegetable Marrow—Two specimens.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
95. Mushrooms—Basket cultivated.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
96. Potatoes—Table, six varieties, six of each.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75	
97. Beans—Collection, fit for table use.....	1.50	1.50	0.75		
98. Sweet Herbs—Collection.....	1.50	1.00	0.75		
99. Vegetables—For any new variety, suitable for the table.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

100. Wheat—Two bushels Winter, with a sheaf....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
101. " — " " Spring, " ".....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
102. Barley—Two minots, with a sheaf.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
103. Rye—Two minots, with a sheaf.....	2.00	1.00			

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
104. Oats—Two minots, with a sheaf.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
105. Peas—“““.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
106. Horse Beans—Two minots.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
107. Indian Corn—Two minots, in the ear, with a sheaf.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
108. Timothy Seed—Two minots.....	2.00	1.00			
109. Clover Seed—Two minots.....	2.00	1.00			
110. Flax—One bundle, and minot of Seed.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
111. Turnips, Swedish—Minot.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
112. “ White Globe—Minot.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
113. “ Yellow Aberdeen—Minot.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
114. Carrots—Orange, minot.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
115. “ —White Belgian, minot.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
116. Mangold Wurtzel—Yellow Globe, twelve roots.....	2.50	1.50	1.00		
117. “ —Long Red, “ “.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
118. Kohl Rabbi—Minot.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
119. Beet Sugar—Minot.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
120. Parsnips —Minot.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
121. Potatoes—Collection, half a-minot each sort..	3.00	2.00	1.00		
122. Squashes—Large, for cattle, two.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		
123. Broom Corn Brush—28 lbs.....	1.00	0.50			
124. Butter—One crock, 28 lbs.....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
125. Cheese—One not less than 16 lbs.....	4.00	3.00	2.00		
126. Honey—In the Comb.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		
127. “ —A jar of Clear.....	3.00	2.00	1.00		

POULTRY.

128. Fowls—Trio, (1 Cock and 2 Hens) Asiatic....	2.00	1.00		
129. “ — “ “ “ “ Bk. Spanish.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
130. “ — “ “ “ “ Dorkings....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
131. “ — “ “ “ “ Penciled, or Spangled Hamburgs.....	2.00	1.00		
132. “ —Trio, (1 Cock and 2 Hens) Golden Poland.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
133. “ —Trio, (1 Cock and 2 Hens) Silver do..	3.00	2.00	1.00	
134. “ — “ “ “ “ White....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
135. “ — “ “ “ “ Bantams..	2.00	1.00		
136. “ —Pair Cochín China, Shanghai, or Bramah Pootra.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
137. Ducks—Pair of Muscovy.....	3.00	1.50		
138. “ —Pair common.....	3.00	1.50		
139. Geese—Bremen, one pair.....	2.00	1.50		
140. “ —Common, one pair.....	2.00	1.00		
141. Turkeys—One pair.....	2.00	1.00		
142. Pea Fowl—One pair.....	2.00	1.00		
143. Pigeons—Best and largest collections.....	2.00	1.00		

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
SINGING BIRDS.					
144. Canaries—Best pair.....	1.00	0.50			
145. " —Collection	3.00	2.00	1.00		
146. Canadian Birds—Collection	4.00	3.00	2.00		
147. Imported Birds— "	4.00	2.00	1.00		
MISCELLANEOUS.					
148. Canadian Birds, (Stuffed)—Collection.....	4.00	2.00	1.00		
149. Herbarium—Best coll. of pressed Indigenous Plants	4.00	2.00			
150. Aquarium—Made in Montreal.....	4.00	2.00			
151. Moss House—Best Model, never before ex- hibited.....	4.00	2.00			
152. Rustic Chair—Best, never before exhibited....	2.00				
153. Water-Colored Painting of Indigenous Flowers	4.00				
154. " " of Fruit or Flowers, executed during the past year.....	4.00				
155. Wax Flowers—Best group.....	4.00	2.00			
156. " " —Single.....	2.00	1.00			
157. Photograph Fruit Colored—Best.....	4.00	2.00			
158. " Flowers " "	4.00	2.00			

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All articles *placed in competition for premiums*, are to be *bona 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, and dismissed from the Society.

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 Agricultural products will be admitted on a fee of one dollar, the exhibitor receiving a ticket of admission for himself only.

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