

at Philadelphia by an exhibition of our fruits during the entire fruit season. In order to carry out such an exhibition at least \$2,000 would be required, and application should be made to the Dominion and Local Governments for the necessary aid.

Several Committees were appointed to examine and report on the fruit capabilities of the various sections of the Province. No reports have as yet been received.

The Hon. the Postmaster of the Dominion has kindly so amended the Postage Act as to allow of our certificates of membership passing through the mails at a cent, a boon which we have long sought.

The Directors congratulate the Association upon the progress that has been made, and the good work done, whereby we have contributed much to the advancement of fruit culture at home, and to our reputation as horticulturists abroad.

It is with deep regret that we are this year called on to deplore the removal by sudden death of one of the eminent members of our Board, Mr. John Gray, Sr.

He was always wise in counsel and ready to promote the interests of our beloved culture; kind and conciliatory in manner, enthusiastic in the pursuits of horticulture. His loss will long be felt, and his place at our Board not easily filled.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET,
President.

The Report was accepted.

The Treasurer submitted his Report, which was received and referred to the Directors.

The President read his Annual Address, which was received with the thanks of the meeting, coupled with the request of a copy for publication.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers.

Messrs. Bucke, Saunders, Vanduser, Dempsey and Burnet were appointed a Committee on Nominations. The Committee withdrew for a short time, and after consultation made their Report, which was received and adopted.

The following are the office-bearers for the year:—

President.—Rev. Robert Burnet, Hamilton.

Vice-President.—Peter C. Dempsey, Albury.

Secretary Treasurer.—D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines.

Directors.—P. E. Bucke, Ottawa; Charles Arnold, Paris; William Saunders, London; A. M. Smith, Grimsby; George Leslie, Jr., Toronto; George Elliott, Guelph; Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound; John McGill, Oshawa; W. H. Mills, Hamilton.

Auditors.—Wm. Haskins and Henry Colbeck, Hamilton.

The subject of making a display of our fruits at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia was then considered. Mr. W. H. Frazer, of the Advisory Board, was heard, and recommended that we should endeavour to do the best in our power. The Hon. James Skead also spoke, and gave his experience in regard to the Exhibition of 1851, and to the value of such Exhibitions in making known the nature of our products; Mr. Ira Morgan following in a similar strain.

Thereupon it was moved by Mr. Wm. Saunders, and seconded by Mr. P. E. Bucke, "That we, the members of the Fruit Growers' Association, pledge ourselves to do our utmost to make the exhibition of fruits at the forthcoming Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia a success, and also to do everything in our power to influence all those interested in fruit culture in the same direction."

On motion of Mr. Saunders, the President, Secretary, Mr. Arnold, and the mover were appointed a Committee to draft a report giving a plan for the collection of fruits, &c., and an estimate of the necessary expenses, and present the same to the Advisory Board of Ontario, and that they also wait personally on the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Letellier de St. Just. Adjourned.