

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To the Members of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario :

GENTLEMEN,—The term for which your officers were entrusted with the oversight of the interests of the Association expires at this time. We therefore come before you to return into your hands the charge committed to our care at the last annual meeting. We regret to have to report a reduction in the number of our members, a result which we believe is due to causes beyond our control. We would urge on our successors renewed efforts in the way of a vigorous canvass for members so that we may, if possible, during the coming year, recover the ground we have lost ; also the enlargement of our premium list, with the view of stimulating those interested to more active effort, coupled with the strictest economy in the management of the funds.

As exception has been taken to the former method of electing the officers of the Association at the Annual Meeting, your Directors would also recommend the following change in this respect, namely : that a Nominating Committee of eight be appointed to nominate both Officers and Directors—five to be appointed by the open meeting and three by the chair. The names of the persons nominated to be submitted separately in the usual order, and voted on by the members present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SAUNDERS, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

From 1,652 members	\$1,737 20
From advertisements	46 75
From Government grant	1,800 00
From notes discounted	779 25
Balance from last year	86 66
Total	\$4,449 86

Disbursements.

Audit, 1884	\$20 00
Reporting two meetings	105 00
Freight and express	46 65
Canadian Horticulturist (part of the year)	1,412 44
Postage and telegrams	131 61
Advertising and printing	69 80
Stationery	11 30
Guarantee premium	20 00
Commissions, collecting	56 00
Committee and Directors' expenses, including collecting fruit for the New Orleans Exhibition, delegates to county fairs, etc ..	754 43
Plant and seed distribution	314 42
To papers clubbing with <i>Canadian Horticulturist</i>	193 27

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