

I have submitted the proposed amendments to the Agricultural Act, which relate to our Association, to the Directors, and they approve of them all.

The Society continues its prosperous career. It is gradually embracing every district of the Province, and awakening a hitherto unfelt interest, and desire for information wherever its operations have become known.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

D. W. BEADLE,

Secretary of the Fruit-Growers' Association of Ontario.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Agricultural Hall, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday Evening, the 22nd September, 1874.—The President in the Chair.

Secretary Beadle read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

The Directors' Report was received and adopted.

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

The President read his Annual Address.

John Forsyth moved, seconded by Philip Armstrong, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the President for his able and interesting address; and requested that it be handed to the Publication Committee for insertion in the Report.

It was moved by L. S. Lundy, and seconded by Mr. Parker of Woodstock, that a Committee of eleven be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, which, after discussion, was carried, and the following persons appointed such Committee.

The President and Secretary, and Messrs. John Forsyth, Geo. Leslie, Jun., A. W. Smith, T. A. Parker and — Paulding.

The Committee made their Report, and the Association proceeded to vote on the names proposed, with the following result.

President.—Rev. Robert Burnet, Hamilton.

Vice-President.—Geo. Leslie, Jun., Leslie P. O.

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

Directors.—P. C. Dempsey, Albury; Peter Murray, Hamilton; Charles Arnold, Paris; William Saunders, London; John Gray, Toronto; Jas. Skead, Ottawa; Jas. Dougall, Windsor; Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound; Geo. Elliott, Guelph.

Auditors.—W. J. McCalla, Jas. Taylor, both of St. Catharines.

Several seedling fruits were exhibited at the meeting, and at the fair ground Geo. Peacock, of Mount Salem, exhibited a noteworthy seedling peach, large, handsome and of first quality.

Mr. Cannon of Owen Sound, showed two seedling apples, the Rhymer, and Coo's golden drop.

Haskin's seedling grape, a hybrid between the black Hamburg, and Hartford prolific.

Another seedling from the same parentage was exhibited by P. C. Dempsey, named the Burnet. Both grapes of great promise.

The meeting then adjourned.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

At the close of another year your officers have the satisfaction of being able to congratulate the members upon the continued prosperity of the Association. We have held three very successful meetings during the year—at Hamilton in February, at Owen Sound in July, and at Ottawa in September, and at each of these meetings very much valuable information was elicited, which will be fully spread before you in the Annual Report. We feel more

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