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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers. And while we hail you all with our good wishes, we shall do our very best to make our little Journal a bright and cheery visitor to your homes.

At our excellent winter meeting in Hamilton last month, the minister of Agriculture kindly consented to bind in cloth two copies of our report for each member, thus really making each one a present of a book that will be worth his whole subscription money.

Surely under such liberal conditions our membership ought to be doubled this year and we ask every reader to help us by making known the benefits conferred on all members of our association.

THE BALDWIN APPLE IN ENGLAND.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the Baldwin apple is acknowledged by both Canadian and English buyers to be inferior in quality to many other apples, yet on account of its good color, and its excellent carrying qualities, it always commands a comparatively good price in the British market. It is not a very hardy apple and therefore, in many places, it is supplanted by the Ben Davis, an apple of still poorer quality, but of fine appearance.

We are in receipt of a rather interesting chart from Messrs. Woodall & Co., Liverpool, showing the weekly fluctuations of the Baldwin apple, in the Liverpool market, during the past five seasons, the same based upon number one stock. As a rule it appears that the prices run highest in October, March and April, and lowest in November and December. The highest price paid for Baldwins during the past five years, was in April, 1890, when as much as \$10.75 was paid per barrel for some samples from Maine, and over \$8.00 for some from Canada. The next highest was for some Canadian Baldwins which in April,