Mr. Saunders, of London, seconded by Mr. Ross, of Goderich, moved that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the President for his very interesting and able address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the proceedings of the Associa-Carried. tion.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, which resulted as follows, viz.:-

President-Rev. R. Burnet, of Hamilton.

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Vice-President—J. C. Rykert, Esq., M.P.P., of St. Catharines. Secretary-Treasurer—D. W. Beadle, Esq., of St. Catharines. Directors—Messrs. James Dougall, of Windsor; Warren Holton, of Hamilton; William H. Mills, of Hamilton; Wm. H. Boulton, of Toronto; A. B. Bennett, of Brantford; Geo. Leslie, Jr., of Toronto; Wm. Saunders, of London; A. M. Ross, of Goderich; Charles Arnold, of Paris.

Auditors-Messrs. W. L. Copeland and W. J. McCalla, of St. Catharines.

After the election of officers, the meeting took up the consideration of miscellaneous business

Mr. Hammond, of Credit, asked how the Association classed the Ribston Pippin, whether as a fall or winter apple?

Mr. Dougall, of Windsor, replied that its season of maturity depended upon the place where it was grown; that in the varied climate of our Province-embracing the long, warm summers of the South of Essex, and the short, cool seasons of the Muskoka District—the Ribston Pippin was in the former an early fall apple, quite dry and mealy now, and in the latter was a winter apple, keeping well until March.

Mr. Leslie, of Toronto, said that it varied much also with the warmth of the summer, in some seasons ripening up early, and in other and cooler seasons ripening more slowly and keeping much later.

Mr. Caldwell, of Galt, stated that the apple kept well until March in that section, and was truly there a winter apple.

Mr. Arnold, of Paris, asked what are we to do in judging when the apple is entered both in the fall and winter varieties ? and suggested that the method of classification now in use should be abandoned, and that prizes should be offered only for the best samples of particular kinds, without reference to their season of ripening, so that the judges would have to determine which was the best sample of Ribston Pippin, or Snow Apple, or Greening, and not which was the best fall apple or winter.

Mr. Beadle stated that, thanks to the efforts of the President and Vice-President, a beginning had been this year effected in this direction, which, it was to be hoped, would be carried out in all the departments of the fruit list.

Mr. Rykert stated that as soon as the Board of Agriculture should place sufficient prize money at the disposal of the Committee having in charge the Horticultural department of the prize list, this much needed reform would be effected.

Mr. A. M. Ross, of Goderich, wished to know the cause and cure of the rot in the fruit of the plum. He had suffered much from this rot during the past season, much more than from the curculio, and deemed the rot a far more serious obstacle to the successful culture of 'he plum than the little turk.

Mr. Saunders, of London, had also suffered severely from this rotting of the fruit, but could not suggest any remedy.

Mr. Dougall, of Windsor, had taken pains to have all the rotting plums carefully gathered and thrown on the ground, and then covered them and the ground under the plum trees with quicklime, also dusting quicklime freely through the tops of the trees, and thought he had in this way been successful in putting a stop to all further spread of the He b lieved that this rotting was caused by minute fungi fastening on the fruit disease. and developing there, and that the quicklime destroyed the fungus. The rot could not have been caused by the weather, for there had been no rain there for three months.

Mr. Mills, of Hamilton, thought that the rot was not caused by a fungus, but that the rot having begun, and the state of the atmosphere being favourable to the growth of this fungus, it found in the rotting portion of the plum a favourable place for its growth and development. He thought the rot was caused by warmth and moisture occurring at a certain staj stage the r Mr. R trees was a spread fron of his gard that if once spread unti Mr. W ground in 1 plums had 1 Mr. Ai conditions ; Mr. Sa and others 1 Mr. Aı spread to th Mr. Mi reason why texture of th texture resis NOTE 1

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