

possibly you may have secured from some distant climate, entirely new to you and entirely new to your climate, and you will watch the development of that seed, and by the fruit which it bears you will endeavor to improve the grades which are already with us in Canada in such profusion.

Now, sir, possibly it would be more fitting if I were to confine my remarks to our own community and to the hearty welcome which we give to you. We welcome all men, and all ladies as well, and we hope that you will continue to prosper and go on adding to the happiness of our citizens by means of the health-giving properties of your fruit, so that in the future you will be one of the best recognized societies in the country, and that your influence will extend from year to year.

We have many things in our city to which I would like to draw your attention, but my time is limited. I may say that our city is one of no mean size, our population now reaching about sixteen thousand, and, while we have some defects and while we have some difficulties, we are happy to say that we are advancing, we are enlarging in population and we are improving in every way.

I thank you sincerely for calling upon me to give you an address of welcome.

The PRESIDENT: I assure you that we fully appreciate the hearty welcome which you have extended to us on this occasion. When your delegates to our meeting in Hamilton invited us to hold our next annual meeting in your city, we accepted with a great deal of pleasure. Our Association moves its meetings from place to place in this country in order to meet with many people who, by rubbing their wits together, help us to solve the great problems which confront the fruit grower; and it is from the practical men that we get the most valuable information with regard to the methods of cultivation.

I must thank you again for your hearty welcome and ask you one and all to come to our meetings and assist us, not only by your presence, but with your voices, and thus help us to raise higher the banner of horticulture.

A combined piece was here rendered on the organ, two pianos and a triangle. It was entitled "*Marche Cortege*" (Gounod).

The SECRETARY: In the absence of Mr. Allan, who was to have addressed you on the "History and Work of our Association," I would like to say that we are just about thirty-three years old, and, not only are we an old Association, but, as our president has said in his remarks, we feel some pride in our growth. I can remember going to the first meeting of the Association, in 1860, when a boy. The Association was then composed of about a dozen members; but, though few in numbers, they did good work in those days, quite as hard work in the interests of the country as the men of to-day. Particularly would I mention Mr. A. M. Smith, the pioneer fruit grower of the Niagara district and I might perhaps say of our country, as being one of the constituent members.

It is interesting to look back over those early years and consider the growth of our Association. The growth has been a healthy one and that is because we are working wholly in the interests of the public. That is the secret of our success. From that membership of one dozen we have grown to over two thousand, distributed not only over our whole province, but in every other province of our Dominion. Nearly the whole of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association has united with us, as well as many members of the Associations of Quebec and Nova Scotia. They consider that in receiving the annual report of our Association, a book of no mean size and of great interest to fruit growers, together with our monthly journal, which contains contributions from the leading fruit growers of Ontario, they are well rewarded for the little expense of being members with us as well as of their own Association.

We have included in our list of presidents Judge Logie, Rev. R. Burnet, W. H. Mills, P. C. Dempsey, Wm. Saunders, A. McD. Allan, A. M. Smith, J. A. Morton, and A. H. Pettit. The latter is well-known to you as the Superintendent of the Ontario fruit exhibit at the World's Fair.