

At a meeting of the directors held subsequent to the election, L. Woolverton, of Grimsby, was re-appointed secretary-treasurer and editor of the *Canadian Horticulturist*.

The following committees were appointed by the chair, viz:

Fruit Exhibit.—A. McD Allan, John Craig and A. Alexander. *Legislation.*—T. Beall, P. E. Bucke and G. C. Caston. *New Fruits.*—W. E. Wellington, M. Pettit and A. M. Smith. *Special.*—P. C. Dempsey, Jas. Goldie and the secretary.

Communications were read from Prof. Saunders, regretting that he could not arrange to be present, from the Hon. J. M. Gibson and the Minister of Agriculture and others expressing their intention of being present.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter also from the Department of Agriculture, to the effect that it was the intention of the department to bind in cloth a sufficient number of copies of the report to supply all actual members of the association. This statement was received with great satisfaction.

REPORT ON NEW FRUITS.

The following paper on new fruits, that have been brought under his notice, was read by the Secretary:

It will be gratifying to the board of directors, and others interested, to know that some work is being done each year by our association in recording the origination of new and promising varieties of Canadian fruits, as well as in testing the suitability of highly commended varieties of foreign origin.

In apples particularly, there have been quite a number of very promising varieties sent in to me for my opinion, some of which I have forwarded on to the other members of the Committee, and others I have noticed in the *Canadian Horticulturist* without that precaution. I will now give you a list of these, in order that a record of them may be kept in our report, pending farther test of their merits.

WILSON'S SEEDLING.—A magnificent fall apple of very large size and fine color, found growing by the kitchen door in Mr. B. Willson's yard in Wingham, and sent in by Mr. J. A. Morton. The tree grows vigorously, and has a rather compact, bushy head.

Description.—Size, very large; form, conical; skin, yellowish, spattered and shaded with very bright red on the sunny side; stem, set in a moderately deep, even basin; flesh, yellowish white, somewhat inclined to water core, tender and of a pleasant flavor. A good cooking apple. Season, October.

THE HALIBURTON.—This apple was sent me by Messrs. Cavers Bros., of Galt, for an opinion. It appears to be a local apple grown for some years in the township of Haliburton, under that name, and possesses sufficient beauty of appearance to merit notice. The description of the apple given below was prepared by Prof. Saunders.

Grown north of Peterboro', size medium or under, $2\frac{5}{8}$ x $2\frac{1}{8}$, form oblate, color pale yellow, nearly obscured on the side exposed to the sun by carmine red, marked with splashes and streaks of a deeper hue. Stalk short and moderately stout, set in a small but rather deep cavity, calyx open with a very shallow smooth basin. Flesh fine grained, creamy white and more or less tinged with pink, rather soft in texture, austere and with an acid taste, with very little flavor, a pretty apple, but of poor quality. Ripe latter end of September.

GREEN FAMEUSE.—An apple sent me by Mr. R. W. Shepherd, jr., of Montreal. He says the original tree is some twenty-five years of age, and is growing on his farm at Como. The fruit is larger than the Fameuse proper, and he describes it as being a heavy bearer, and very little, if, any given to spotting. In other respects it seems to have all the qualities of the Fameuse as generally known, with the exception of color. This seems to be its chief lack to make it very desirable.