

PROGRAMME OF WINTER MEETING.

THE combined annual and winter meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario will be held at the Court House, in the City of Hamilton, beginning on Tuesday evening, the 19th, and continuing during the 20th and 21st of February, 1889.

A show of choice samples of fruits from each agricultural division is desirable for comparison. New fruits, improved horticultural implements or machinery, plants, flowers, etc., on exhibition, will receive due notice in the report of the Fruit Committee. If sent by express they may be addressed to the care of the Secretary, at Hamilton.

Certificates for reduced railway fares will be mailed to anyone applying for them to the Secretary, at Grimsby.

Questions intended for the *Question Drawer* may be sent in advance to the Secretary, at Grimsby, or handed in at the meeting.

The St. Nicholas Hotel, Hamilton, will furnish accommodation to members of The Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, at \$1.50 per day for single rooms, and \$1.25 for double rooms, during the sessions of the Association.

The following is an outline of the programme, with some questions for discussion added to each subject, from which, however, it may be necessary to deviate in some details :

PROGRAMME.

Tuesday, 8 p.m., Welcome address by the Mayor—reply by President ; the President's annual address ; reports ; election of officers.

Wednesday, 10 a.m., VARIETIES OF APPLES THAT MAY BE PROFITABLY

GROWN IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF ONTARIO : *Thos. Beall, Lindsay, Ont.* Discussion of subject. QUESTIONS :—What varieties of apples are most subject to black heart? How can it be prevented?

HORTICULTURAL SPECIALTIES FOR FARMERS: the *Secretary*. Discussion of subject. QUESTIONS :—Is apple growing profitable? Does it pay to export our apples? What are the drawbacks of exportation? TRANSPORTATION OF FRUITS TO HOME AND FOREIGN MARKETS :—What complaints have we to make against the railway express and steamboat companies?

Paper by *D. W. Beadle*, subject, "RUSSIAN APPLES."

MARKETING FRUITS : Is it not time for the F. G. A. of Ontario to take up the question of marketing our fruits? Would it be wise to have a fruit inspector appointed ; or what means could be adopted to induce growers to put up good, straight, honest packages of fruit? Could not the members of this Association act unitedly in marketing fruit through its own agents, instead of dealing with commission men, who often make more than the growers?

2.30 p.m., QUESTION DRAWER.

Paper by *S. P. Morse, Milton*

HOW BEST TO SECURE UNIFORMITY AND FAIRNESS IN THE AWARDS OF PRIZES TO FRUITS AT FAIRS : *Thomas Beall, Lindsay*. Discussion of subject. QUESTIONS :—Is it best to advocate the one judge system in the horticultural department at our Fairs? Should a scale of points be given by the judge in fruits, as is done in the poultry department? What is the best manner