

APPENDIX I.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES FOR 1891.

BURLINGTON HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

This society was organised in the spring of 1889. Since its inception it has made solid growth, its membership has steadily increased, its usefulness has given it a strong hold on the public favor, and its success has more than fulfilled the anticipations of its promoters.

The necessity of some such organisation had long been felt, from the fact that the fruit and vegetable industry of the Burlington district had assumed very large proportions. For successful and profitable fruit growing this part of Ontario appears to be especially adapted. Lying between the large consuming centres of Hamilton and Toronto, with easy access to the other large markets of Canada and the United States, with rich, fertile soils, varying from sandy and gravelly loam to that of a mellow clay, suitable for the prime development of plants, vines, bushes and trees, situated in the region between the mountain air and the lake, without those extremes of cold frosts and those of the early fall, with unequalled facilities for shipping in any direction desired by the Grand Trunk, and Northern and North-western Railways, with an alternative boat route in the summer and fall for Montreal and other eastern points—these, and many other advantages pointed to the necessity of a representative Horticultural Association to simplify methods, to encourage experiment, to disseminate information, and to economise resources both in reference to production and to the marketing of products.

The following are the officers of the Association for the year 1891:—

PRESIDENT.....Geo. E. Fisher, Freeman, Ont.

VICE-PRESIDENT.....Smith Freeman, “ “

SECRETARY-TREASURER.....A. W. Peart, “ “

DIRECTORS.

Department of Apples.....Edwin Peart.

“ *Grapes*.....Dr. Zimmerman.

“ *Small Fruits*.....Joseph Lindley.

“ *Pears and Plums*.....P McCulloch.

“ *Vegetables*.....J. W. Bridgeman.

“ *Shipping*.....W. V. Hopkins and Harry Williams.

Executive Committee.....D. Henderson, Dr. Husband and Alex. Riach.

Entertainment Committee..The President, Vice-President and Sec-Treas.

Auditors.....Charles Dyrus and George N. Peer.