

THE WINTER MEETING

Of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario will be held in the Town Hall, Stratford, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 10th and 11th of February, 1886, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday.

Railway certificates will be sent to any members who may apply for them, by sending a postal card to the secretary, D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines. These railway certificates must be presented to the ticket agent when purchasing your ticket at the starting point, and be signed and stamped by him, and afterwards must be presented to the secretary at the close of the meeting and signed by him.

The following hotels will entertain members at one dollar and fifty cents per day; namely, Albion, Windsor and Commercial; the charge at the Royal and Mansion House will be one dollar a day. These are all first rate hotels.

At a meeting of members held in Stratford, a programme of subjects for discussion was prepared which will be taken up at the meeting in the order here presented.

PROGRAMME OF SUBJECTS.

- 1.—Gardens and lawns in city and country.
- 2.—Fences; the best and cheapest of the future, or should they be abolished.
- 3.—Ornamental trees and shrubs and forest trees, and hedges for protection and shade.
- 4.—Tree planting on streets, road sides and school grounds.
- 5.—Nut bearing trees suitable for this section.
- 6.—Black-knot on plum and cherry trees, its cause, prevention and cure.
- 7.—Curculio and insect pests in general.
- 8.—Grapes, early and best varieties for cultivation in this section.
- 9.—Peaches and cherries, earliest and best varieties for cultivation in this section.
- 10.—Gooseberries, currants, raspberries and strawberries, earliest and best

varieties for cultivation in this section.

- 11.—Pears, best varieties for home use and commercial purposes.
- 12.—Apples, best varieties for export.
- 13.—Quince, varieties and cultivation.
- 14.—Plums, culture and best varieties for this section.
- 15.—Cranberries and huckleberries; would it pay to cultivate?
- 16.—Vegetables, the best and most profitable varieties of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, peas, beans, corn, asparagus, turnips, potatoes, etc.; how to grow them and destroy the noxious insects to which potatoes and the cabbage tribe are subject.
- 17.—Floriculture, amateur.
- 18.—Fertilizers best for clay and heavy clay loam soils.
- 19.—Drainage, relation to fruit growing.
- 20.—Fruit, proper method of packing and keeping.

The secretary has been advised that a delegation of three prominent horticulturists from the Michigan State Horticultural Society will be present at the meeting, also a representative from the Ohio Experiment station. It is also expected that some of the leading members of the Western New York Horticultural Society will be in attendance.

We expect a grand meeting, and that members will bring with them samples of fruit for exhibition, particularly of seedling apples or pears of promising qualities.

CHERRIES FOR THE NORTH-WEST.

The visit to Russia of Professor Budd of Iowa, and of Mr. Chas. Gibb, of Quebec, has brought to our knowledge a variety of cherry which thrives and bears immense crops in a climate where the thermometer indicates great severity of cold, not unfrequently falling as low as forty-five degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. These gentlemen state that these cherries are grown in such large quantities in that cold climate that they