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ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO,  
August 30, 1883.

We, the undersigned, appointed a Committee by the Board of Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario for the purpose of examining the vouchers of the Secretary-Treasurer, have carefully examined the same, and find that the disbursements have been made in accordance with the instructions given him by the Board.

WM. SAUNDERS,  
A. M. SMITH.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

GENTLEMEN,—In pursuance of a time-honoured custom, it now becomes my duty to present for your consideration a few thoughts relating to Horticulture—that department which treats of fruits first claiming our attention.

### ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE SUBJECT.

With fruit culture so general, and fruit so much appreciated by you all, time would be wasted in the endeavour to prove that the cultivation of fruit is desirable. You all love fruit, and desire plenty of it. We love fruits for their beauty. How gracefully hangs a well-formed cluster of golden grapes; how elegant the forms, and how brilliant the tints of the apple, pear and peach, and how delicate the bloom on the plum. The fragrance of well-ripened fruit is charming, but the deliciousness of its flavour is perhaps the highest gratification to the senses, and furnishes the climax of all the pleasures which good fruits give us. This gratification needs no previous education to fit us for its enjoyment, for whether we revel in the refreshing acidity of the luscious strawberry, the melting flesh and rich flavour of a Bartlett or Seckel pear, or a Crawford peach, or indulge in the luxury of a Gravenstein apple, all are very good in their season, and are enjoyed as much and appreciated as fully by the mechanic or the farmer as by the most cultivated genius of the age.

### ADVANTAGES OF FRUIT CULTURE.

The advantages resulting from an abundant supply of fruit are not far to seek. It is promotive of health, elevating to the taste, and adds greatly to life's enjoyments, while the disposal of the surplus is a source of considerable profit, and has of late years formed an important item in our exports. It also promotes home industries, as seen in the factories for canning and evaporating fruits which have of late been established in most of our fruit growing centres.

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