

THE WINTER MEETING, 1890.

The Winter Meeting of the Association was held in the City Hall, Hamilton, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th and 18th of December, 1890.

The President, Mr. J. A. Morton, of Wingham, called the meeting to order on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

The PRESIDENT.—Before the Association enters upon its proceedings I would call the attention of the members to the fact that we have with us this morning some of our friends from across the line. We have great pleasure in welcoming to our meetings the representatives from our sister country, and we hope they will feel themselves at home among us and take part freely in our proceedings.

THE SHIPPING GRIEVANCE.

The Secretary read the following letter from Mr. Race :

GENTLEMEN,—Lest I might not be present at your meeting, I may say with regard to shipping grievance that I communicated with a high legal authority as to the best or proper course to pursue to obtain a remedy. It was suggested in reply that we might better, as a first step, communicate with the express companies, acquaint them with the nature and extent of the grievance, and learn what they had to say and were willing to do in the matter. I acted upon the suggestion with the result that an inspector for the western division of the Canadian Express Co., a Mr. B. S. Murray, of London, called upon me and assured me that everything that could be done on the part of his company would be done to remedy the grievances complained of. "Already his company," he said, "had been advised of the contemplated action of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and had instructed him to exercise every possible vigilance in his division that no further cause for complaint should arise. I may further state that not a single complaint of a broken fruit package or other damage has been brought under my notice or reported to me during the past fruit season." This is a very much more satisfactory state of things than we had to report for the year 1889, and our association has reason to congratulate itself that its action in the matter has not been fruitless; and its thanks are due the Canadian Express Company for their prompt and ready response.

T. H. RACE.

Chairman Com.

DISTRICT FRUIT LIST.

Mr. Thomas Beall (Lindsay) presented a report of the Committee on this subject. This does not appear here because it was afterwards revised by the Committee, and may be found in Appendix II, at end of report.

Mr. BEALL.—In making up the lists for their respective districts, I suppose most persons have pursued the course which I myself have taken, and which, I think, was perhaps the wisest course, namely, to select the varieties recommended by the largest number of farmers in each district, even though they would not, in some cases, be the varieties which they themselves would recommend. In the whole list mentioned there are only some thirty-five varieties which are regarded as suitable for the whole Province.