

Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, writes that an attempt is being made in that town for the formation of such a society, and he says the plan proposed is as follows :

" A declaration in the form of schedule B. to the Agricultural and Arts Act will be circulated for signature, and as soon as 50 names are obtained the " declaration " will be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, who will then cause a notice to be inserted in the *Ontario Gazette*, see Sec. 61 to 64 " Agricultural and Arts Act." We shall then receive from the county society, at the proper time, our proportion of the grant to the county, which will be, perhaps, \$50.00 or more. The Society will be called, however, a Horticultural Society, and not a Fruit Growers' Association. But this will make no difference to us, as the main object will be attained, and money will at once be sent to the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association sufficient to make each member of our Society a member of the Association, and you may observe by Sec. 38 and its five sub-sections, that the object of the Horticultural Society is identical with the proposed branch of the Fruit Growers' Association.

WINTER MEETING--II.



OUR old friend, Mr. Fred Mitchell, of Innerkip, was present at the Wednesday evening session. An enthusiastic rose grower, he was brought to his feet by an able paper on Rose Growing, which had just been read by Mr. Webster, of the firm of Webster Bros., Hamilton, and which will appear in full in the annual report. Mr. Mitchell gave the following choice of roses, one of each color, for the amateur's garden. Prince Camille de Rohan (dark), General Washington (red), Paul Neyron (pink), and Coquette des Alps or Madame Plantier (white).

A discussion arose upon which is the best paying red grape. Two prominent grape growers, Mr. Carpenter, of Winona, and Mr. Orr, of Stoney Creek, gave their opinions. The former pronounced the Lindley as the most profitable, and the latter the Delaware. In reply to the question as to whether Moore's Early succeeded in heavy soil, Mr. Orr said that it had done well with him in such soil, but Mr. Tweedle had not found it nearly so productive as the Worden.

Prof. James, of the Agricultural College, Guelph, gave a very interesting and instructive address upon Fertilizers. He stated that the leaves of trees are too valuable to be wasted, and should be kept upon the ground beneath, and there, in their decay, they will return a certain amount of potash to the soil. A large amount of the litter of pruning can also be used in a compost, and in this way is more valuable than burnt to ashes. Fruit draws very heavily upon the element of potash in the soil, and for this reason it is important to supply it liberally in fertilizers that are applied. Mr. James showed by a chart the great value of wood ashes as fertilizers for our fruit orchards, and this chart will be published in our report for 1891.