

answers were all referred to the Secretary, with instructions to prepare a condensed report therefrom, and to submit the same to a special meeting to be held in the City of Hamilton, on the 20th of February, at 2 o'clock P.M.

On motion, the society now adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow, 23rd instant.

On re-assembling pursuant to adjournment the association took up the consideration of the Constitution and By-Laws, in accordance with the action had at the last January meeting and adopted the following,

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ART. I.—This Society shall be called "THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA."

ART. II.—Its object shall be the advancement of the Science and Art of Fruit Culture, by holding Meetings for the exhibition of Fruits, and for the discussion of all questions relative to Fruit culture; by collecting, arranging and disseminating useful information, and by such other means as may from time to time seem advisable.

ART. III.—The Annual General Meeting of the Association for the election of Office-bearers, shall be held in the city of Hamilton on the third Wednesday of January. Two other general Meetings shall be held at such places as shall be determined at the January Meeting, one on the third Wednesday in July, and the other on the second Wednesday of November, in each year.

ART. IV.—Its officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot, after nomination.

ART. V.—There shall be a general Fruit Committee, consisting of five members of the Association, to be appointed at the Annual Meeting in January, of whom three shall form a quorum.

ART. VI.—There shall be a Committee on Publication, consisting of not less than three members, who shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting in January.

ART. VII.—Any person may become a Member by an annual payment of One Dollar; and payment of Ten Dollars at one time shall constitute a Member for life. The Presidents of all Horticultural Societies shall be, *ex-officio*, Members of this Association.

ART. VIII.—This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting—notice of the proposed amendments having been given at the previous meeting.

By-Law I.—The General Fruit Committee shall thoroughly investigate the subject of Fruit Culture. It shall collect such useful and interesting information in reference to this subject as may be in its power, and accompany the same

with an Annual Report to the Association at the November Meeting.

2.—The Committee on Publication, to whom all the Reports of the Fruit Committee shall be referred at the November meeting, shall examine these Reports, and embody the information they contain in a general Report, to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting: and, after approval, cause the same to be printed in pamphlet form, for distribution among the Members.

3.—There shall be an exhibition of Fruits, and a discussion upon their properties, at each regular Meeting.

4.—The annual Subscription shall be due in advance, at the Annual January Meetings.

5.—The President, (or, in case of his disability, the Senior Vice-President,) may convene Special Meetings at such times and places as he may deem advisable; and shall convene such Special Meetings, at any time, on the written request of five Members.

6.—The President shall deliver an Address on some subject relating to the objects of the Association at the Annual General Meeting, and nominate members to fill any vacancy occurring in any office during the intervals between the Annual January Meetings.

7.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep a correct account thereof, and submit the same at each January Meeting.

8.—A Committee of two shall be chosen at the November Meeting to audit the account of the Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association, conduct the correspondence, give not less than ten days notice of all Meetings to the Members, and specify the business of Special Meetings.

10.—At Special Meetings no business shall be transacted except that stated in the Secretary's circular.

11.—The order of business at the Annual Meetings in January shall be—1st reading of Minutes; 2nd, reading of Reports of Officers and Committees; 3rd, delivery of Address by the President; 4th, Election or Appointment of the Officers and Committees; 5th, Miscellaneous Business.

12.—These By-Laws may be amended at the Annual January Meetings, by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present.

On motion of J. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was

Resolved,—That whereas Canada West is naturally one of the finest Fruit-growing countries in the world, and whereas it is desirable to offer every inducement possible to the development of this source of our wealth, therefore this association do suggest to the Board of Agriculture, that it is very desirable to increase considerably the premiums offered for "Horticultural Products," with a view of stimulating this branch of industry.