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## THE BRANTFORD MEETING—II.

**C**ONSIDERING the extreme value to farmers and fruit growers of the discussions at our meeting in Brantford, and the talented gentlemen who were invited to speak, it was surprising what a little local interest was aroused. We had a large outside attendance, but Brantford people were conspicuously absent. In future we shall take good care not to accept an invitation unless guaranteed a good local attendance and interest. Six places have competed for the next meeting, and we have accepted the invitation to Cobourg because backed up by a good live affiliated horticultural society, which insures a local interest. Many who are not able to attend our annual meetings will be pleased to see in our frontispiece our present directorate, and compare it with that of 1892 shown last month. This one is engraved from a photograph by Park & Co., of Brantford.

We are fortunate in being able to include H. L. Hutt, Professor of Horticulture of the O. A. C., Guelph, and W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist of the C. E. F., Ottawa, who by virtue of their positions well deserve a place on our directorate.

Mr. W. H. Bunting reported for the Committee on Transportation, showing that while much yet remained to be sought for, some more reasonable concessions had been made on carloads of fruit to about 20 per cent. The making of 20,000 lbs. a carload made it impossible to get the advantage of the reduction in the case of this fruit, because, owing to the light weight of this fruit and room occupied by the baskets, this weight of grapes could not be put in a car. The committee was continued with one or two additional members.

Dr. Saunders, of Ottawa, contributed very largely to the interest of our meeting and to the value of our report, by his very able address upon Canadian fruits at the Paris Exhibition. Canada had won more medals and prizes in fruit than in any other department, and had created a most favorable impression among foreigners, leading to much inquiry for purchase.

The fruit forwarded by the Secretary by the Manchester Commerce on September 25th and on the Manchester Trader on October 5th had arrived in capital condition, although five days out of cold storage from