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THE WINTER MEETING.

The Winter Meeting was held in the Music Hall, Windsor, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11th and 12th, 1889.

The President, A. M. Smith, Esq., took the chair at 2 p.m., and opened the meeting by a few remarks expressive of his pleasure at seeing such a large audience, and especially at seeing among them a number of friends from the American side, among whom he noticed with much satisfaction President Lyon, of the Michigan Horticultural Society.

THE ONTARIO FRUIT LIST.

There being no questions awaiting answers, the discussion of the Ontario Fruit List, presented by a Committee of the Association was proceeded with.*

Mr. BEALL (representing the Committee).—The Fruit List which is about to be discussed is a matter that has been under consideration to some extent for a number of years, but it is only of late that it has assumed a practical form. The Committee has been at a great deal of pains in getting at the matter, and have spent much time upon it, but up to the present they have only succeeded in classifying apples alone, so that the report this Committee proposes presenting may be looked upon as a report of progress rather than a full report. It is hardly to be expected that the list we are about to present will meet with the approval of everyone, as great differences of opinion exist in regard to the relative value of apples for different purposes, but those present will have an opportunity of making changes if desired. We have done away with many of the old style headings. We have only four, the first of which is the season, in regard to which there has been in the past great difference of opinion. The second heading is the quality of the apple, which is subdivided into dessert and cooking, which we believe will embody all that is necessary to be known respecting the quality of an apple. The other two headings are value for home market and value for foreign market. I do not think it is necessary for me to read over the whole list, but as it is arranged alphabetically I will take the first, the Alexander apple. You will understand that the numerical values, which range from 0 to 10, are under four heads, dessert, cooking, home market and foreign market. We consider the Alexander wholly worthless as a dessert apple, so that if it were exhibited with a lot of fruit for dessert purposes it would count 0. For cooking purposes we have rated it at 9. For the home market we call it 9. It is the business of this Association to endeavor to show which is the most profitable for

*For the Report see Appendix, pp. 82-6.