

THE POMOLOGICAL AND FRUIT-GROWING SOCIETY

OF THE

Province of Quebec.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Pomological and Fruit-Growing Society of the Province of Quebec was held in the Temperance Hall, at Howick, on the 27th January, 1897.

The opening session was held at eight P.M. The President, J. C. Chapais Esq., occupied the chair.

Quite a number of prominent fruit-growers came out from the city. Among them were the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture; R. W. Shepherd, of Como; J. C. Chapais, of St. Denis, President of the Society; E. A. Barnard, Secretary of the Council of Agriculture; Dr. Grignon, Ste. Adèle; C. Newman, Lachine; Robert Brodie, St. Henri; W. W. Dunlop, Outremont; W. F. Halero, Hudson; J. M. Fisk, Abbotsford; Dr. Wood, St. Johns; Gilbert Wintle, Como; Professors Craig and Shutt, of the Ottawa Experimental Farm.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President (Mr. Chapais) addressed the meeting as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with much pleasure that the Provincial Fruit-Growers' Association of the Province of Quebec finds itself in Howick to-day to hold its fourth winter meeting. When our Society was organized, the idea that governed its organization was to make this a peculiarly provincial society—one whose work would penetrate every section of the Province—and it is to carry out that idea that every year we select a new place of meeting, so as to reach in time every district which takes any interest in the cultivation of fruits. We have visited a good many places in the Province now, and in each locality we have found the people considerably interested in this branch of culture, and I am happy to see by the large gathering present to-night that the people of this section are just as much interested in promoting the object of our Society as those of the other sections we have already visited, and I have no doubt that the industry of fruit growing will become a source of profit for our Province. Last summer, in order to see a part of the country pretty distant from the Western part of our Province, we held our convention in St. Jean Port Joli, L'Islet County, fifty-nine miles below the City of Quebec. We were in hopes that the Directors of our Society from