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## OUR WINTER MEETING.

The winter meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association was held in the City Hall, Hamilton, commencing on Tuesday, January 19th, 1881, at ten o'clock a.m.

President Dempsey occupied the chair, and after the reading of the minutes by the Secretary, called for reports from the various committees.

P. E. Bucke, chairman of committee, submitted the following

### REPORT ON FENCES:

Your committee on fences having examined into the subject, have the honor to report:—

1st.—That the existing laws regarding fences are unjust to land owner and occupier, because if he has no need for a fence around his farm, society should not compel him to build one.

2nd.—That if a farmer chooses to soil his cattle he should not be required to expend on fences a tax estimated at two dollars per acre per annum to keep his neighbors' or highway cattle out of his property.

3rd.—That no law should compel a land occupier to make a road or division fence to protect himself from the public at large; that the public are just as much interested in the welfare of the state as are the individuals of the public. These last, therefore, should be protected by a public law compelling individuals to inclose their stock.

4th.—That although the public have a right to travel on the roads they have no right to use said roads for a cattle run or pasture ground.

5th.—That every farmer or property owner, either by paying taxes for road construction or repairs, or by the performance of statute labor, has a certain vested right in the roads surrounding his lands, and in