

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Kingston, Wednesday, December 2, in the Dairy School lecture hall, the first session opening at two o'clock p.m.

The president, M. PETTIT, of Winona, expressed pleasure at seeing so many present at the opening session, which promised a good meeting, and called upon

The secretary, Mr. L. WOOLVERTON, who read a telegram from Mr. Alf. Brown, Picton, regretting his inability to be present and read his paper; from Mr. Holtermann, of Brantford, calling the attention of the Association to breach of the law forbidding spraying fruit trees while in blossom by some fruit growers. Referring to the latter, the secretary stated that this Association is fully in accord with the Bee Keepers' Association on this matter, and will use its influence in endeavoring to prevent any transgression of the law on the part of the members throughout the Province.

The secretary also read telegram from the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion stating that he would be present on Wednesday afternoon and deliver an address; also from the same, suggesting that the Association should discuss what tariff changes are desirable; also from Mr. Lockie, of Waterloo, inviting the Association to meet in that town next year; also letters of regret from Prof. Taft, Mr. Rice and Mr. Watkins of Michigan, regretting inability to be present; also invitation from St. Catharines to hold convention there next year; also from Whitby, inviting the Association there in 1897.

The secretary read the regrets of Mr. Anthony Copp, of Hamilton, at his inability to be present. The secretary stated that Mr. Copp and Senator Sanford were ardent advocates of the establishment of a station in London, England, for Canadian fruit. The secretary, the president, and some other of the fruit growers in the district near Hamilton had the honor of putting up some boxes of choice fruit for Her Majesty Queen Victoria, some of which, as mentioned in the newspapers, had appeared on Her Majesty's table. It was thought that this would be a good means of bringing Canadian fruit prominently before the English public. A letter received from the Dominion Department of Agriculture has been received stating that the award for the exhibit of horticultural literature at the World's Fair had been received, consisting of a medal and diploma. The judges considered our exhibit of literature unique, and such as was not exhibited by any other horticultural society. This diploma is not an ordinary one, as it has engrossed upon it the reasons why our exhibit was considered meritorious, as follows: "This exhibit consists of a complete set of the reports of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and it is of a very high order of merit. It illustrates the extensive and progressive work of a wonderfully successful organization."

MR. THOS. BEALL suggested that all our medals should be exhibited at the annual meetings, so that the public might see what the Association had received in time past.

THE SECRETARY: We have a set of medals received at the Centennial, and medals received at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and other places. We shall endeavor to show them at the next meeting.