

BRANT COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

This Society was formed in 1890. The fruit growers of Brant county were desirous of uniting for two principal reasons, first, that we might discuss subjects of general interest to the fruit grower, and thereby benefit by each others experience, and, second, to send one of our members to the northern markets to open up places that we might safely send our surplus fruit and thereby save money. In former years each man went himself and the expense was much heavier than the expense of one man.

During the two years of our existence we have held three and four open meetings, during the winter season, and as many more society meetings, which have been very helpful to successful fruit growing. We have averaged a membership of over fifty. Mr. Thos. A. Ivey was President for two years, and was a very able president.

OFFICERS.

The present year, at the annual meeting, we elected the following officers :

President : J. R. HOWELL.

Vice-President : A. DAWSON.

Secretary-Treasurer : D. M. LEE.

Directors : DAVID GREIG, Cainsville, JOHN CARNIE, Paris, SIMON CHAPIN, Brantford, H. J. BRYAN, Mohawk, A. B. LEE, Northfield Centre, JAS. MILLER, Paris, THOS. A. IVEY, Brantford, D. WEST-BROOKE, Cainsville, CHARLES GRANTHAM, Cainsville.

The Treasurer's report showed the Society to be in good position, with a small balance on hand. As the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association have held their winter meeting for 1892 in our county, we have received a new impetus for the year. Should the papers given during the next year be as good as the last year, we will preserve and send to the Ontario Association, to the *Horticulturist* for publication, or hold over for the annual report, as may be thought advisable by our superiors.

The county of Brant is noted for its large apple orchards, and the quality not surpassed in the Province. Pears and plums are not so largely grown, but can be grown very successfully, especially in the northern portion of the county. Strawberries and raspberries are very largely grown in all parts of the county, and also tomatoes. But the surplus of tomatoes, as well as strawberries and raspberries, is so heavy that, unless some one should start a canning factory, in a few years many will be compelled to drop out of these kinds of fruit.

D. M. LEE,
Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held on the 3rd of February, 1892.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1892.

President : GEORGE HILLIARD.*

Secretary : E. B. EDWARDS.

Committee : JAMES MIDDLETON, J. GILES, FRED. STENSON, JAMES MCKIBBON and G. M. ROGER, in addition to the President and Secretary.

The Treasurer's statement showed receipts for the year \$53, and a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$160.

Mr. Craig, Horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, was present and addressed the meeting on the work of the Experimental Farm, giving the results of his experience in testing new varieties of fruit trees, etc. A long discussion followed, in

* Since deceased.