

# FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual winter meeting was held in the Council Chamber at ten o'clock a.m. at Brantford, Wednesday, December 19, 1900.

W. M. ORR, Esq., President, in opening the meeting, said: Ladies and gentlemen, the time has come to call this meeting to order. I am glad to know that all the officers and directors of our Association are present, and that so many are with us who are interested in this work. After the vicissitudes of another year we are to meet and greet you. We meet in this beautiful city of Brantford for the second time to hold our annual meeting on the invitation of the Board of Trade of this city, and of the Farmers' Institute of the County of Brant. This is the 41st annual meeting of this Society, reckoning from its first formation in 1859, and notwithstanding its venerable age the end of the century finds it in the full strength and vigor of youth. We review its history with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction, remembering the excellent work it has done for horticulture, its many pleasant associations, and the valuable assistance we have received from it in our work. We have an excellent programme, giving a list of subjects that are full of interest to every fruit grower in Ontario, and we are fortunate in having secured some of the leading scientists and horticulturists in Canada and the United States to attend this meeting and deliver addresses. I am sure that the business to come before you and the subjects to be discussed will receive your best thought and attention. All are invited to take part in the discussion, and ask and answer questions. We hope that this, the last meeting of our Society in this century, will prove both pleasant and profitable to all who attend it.

The SECRETARY read correspondence from the following places asking for the next meeting: Brighton, F. H. Lazier, Executive Committee of East Northumberland; J. H. J. H. Mowat, Town Clerk; Sam. Nesbitt, apple packer. Cobourg, H. J. Snellgrove, Secretary Cobourg Horticultural Society; J. D. Hayden, President; Directors Cobourg Horticultural Society, Mayor and Corporation, J. B. McColl, M.P. Kingston, The Horticultural Society. Orillia, East Simcoe Agricultural Society, the Board of Trade, C. L. Stephens, Secretary Orillia Horticultural Society; Mayor and Corporation. Wal kerton, Secretary South Bruce Farmers' Institute.

The SECRETARY also read a letter from William A. Taylor, Secretary of the American Pomological Society of Washington, and stated that five members had been delegated by the directors to attend the next meeting at Buffalo and it was decided that any other members who would like to attend would be duly certificated as representatives of the meeting at Buffalo by handing in their names to the Secretary.

All these letters were referred to the directors for consideration.

## COMMITTEES.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the following committees:

*Resolutions*—W. A. Whitney, E. D. Smith, M.P., and Mr. Dempsey.

*Fruits*—Prof. Macoun, Messrs. Morris and Race.

*New Fruits*—Professors Macoun and Hutt and the Secretary.

Mr. MORRIS (Fonthill): Having a large collection myself, I would like to be relieved from that Committee.

The PRESIDENT: I will name Mr. Dempsey in place of Mr. Morris. For the Committee on Nominations the President nominated two and the meeting three. I nominate Mr. Murray Pettitt and Mr. T. H. Race

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