

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, was held in the Court House, Hamilton, on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1889, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The President, Mr. A. McD. Allan, of Goderich, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, as appearing in the Annual Report, were taken as read.

The Treasurer's report, duly audited by Messrs. Charles Drury and James Goldie, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer.

This report was received and adopted.

The reading of the President's address being in order, it was moved by Mr. W. E. Wellington, seconded by Mr. W. Holton, and resolved that it be deferred until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Wm. Doran, having arrived, made an address of welcome, in which he said that as head of the corporation of the city of Hamilton, he had much pleasure in welcoming so important an organization as that of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. He regretted that the city had not at present a hall of sufficient size to accommodate such a large and important meeting as this, but a new city hall was in process of erection which would be a credit to the city, and he was sure it would be at any time at the disposal of the Association. During the thirty years of its history, since its first organization in this city in 1859, the Association had conferred great and lasting benefit upon the country at large. He could remember when, in the Niagara district for instance, very little interest was taken in fruit culture, but now, through the work of this body, that district had become famous as a fruit garden.

The President replied as follows:—Mr. Mayor: It is my pleasant duty to thank you for your very kind remarks of welcome. We have frequently met in this city, and some of the most successful of our meetings have been held here. That old hall, upon the site of which you are now erecting a new and elegant edifice, was almost sacred to some of us. It was there that the pioneers of this Association often met. There, I believe, was held one of the last meetings at which the late Charles Arnold met with us, one of those pioneer members. We are glad to hear such remarks from one in your position. We are pleased that the leading men in our country are taking an interest in horticulture as well as in agriculture.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed as follows: Messrs. M. Pettit, A. Alexander, and Robert Walker, by the Association, and Messrs. J. M. Denton and Thos. Beall by the chair. This committee submitted their report, which was received, and after the names had been voted upon *seriatim*, was adopted.