

THE WINTER MEETING.

The Winter Meeting of the Association was held in Victoria Hall, London, on the 28th and 29th of January, 1885, President Saunders in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The PRESIDENT.—It affords me very much pleasure to meet you all in the City of London. It is four years since a meeting was held here, and that was one of our annual meetings, which you know, in old times, was simply an evening session, when officers were elected, the President's address delivered, and no time allowed for the discussion of those matters which we are now met to consider. It is more than ten years since a meeting such as the present one was held in London, and during the intervening time our people have made considerable progress both in fruit culture and horticulture. I am sure that those of you who can look back ten or twelve years will notice the changes that have been brought about, especially in the beautifying of our homes and of the city in general. Within these ten years the area of fruit culture has been very much extended, and in addition to meeting our own requirements a large quantity of fruit has been raised for foreign shipment.

We are glad to have you representative men from all parts of the Province with us to-day to discuss matters relating to the fruit interests, and we have no doubt that we shall be greatly profited by what is said at this and subsequent meetings. It is rather a cold reception to you this morning, with the thermometer five degrees below zero; but we hope to have a good attendance during the afternoon and evening and to-morrow, and that those who come will feel well repaid for the time given to these meetings. The discussions are always of great interest, and afford opportunities of acquiring much information. There is one feature always attractive in connection with our meetings, that is, the Question Box. We have really no box. The Secretary is the box. The questions are handed to him, and any gentleman desiring information on a point not covered by the programme, has the liberty to bring that point before the meeting and obtain all the information that can be had. I trust you will make a good use of the Question Box.

Mr. E. B. REED then presented the following address:

To the Officers and Members of the Fruit-Growers' Association of the Province of Ontario:

GENTLEMEN,—This occasion of your visit to the City of London, and the holding of one of your interesting meetings, affords an opportunity that is most gladly seized by the members of the Entomological Society of Ontario to convey to you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to our Forest City.

For nearly a decade and a half of busy years our sister societies, under the kindly care and wise provisions of the Legislature of our Province, have worked side by side in thorough harmony and good fellowship, each in our own sphere of labour endeavouring to utilize and disseminate amongst the vast body of the agricultural, horticultural and fruit-growing community the many practical lessons obtained from our varied experience.

It is from meetings such as this that we who study the science of entomology gather many a hint of the curious lives and habits of beneficial and injurious insects, and we venture to think, that the friendly intercourse that has always existed between the members of our societies has been productive of mutual benefit and instruction.

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