

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

diated action to bring before the Federal Government the necessity of drastic measures being put in force, before the spring shipments of infected trees are made, to prevent the further spread of the San José scale.

I have to thank the directors and the members of the Association for the consideration they have shown me, and have no doubt that my successor will receive a continuation of the same.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1896-7.

Secretary Woolverton then read the Treasurer's Report and also the report of the Auditors and Finance Committee thereon, which, upon motion, was adopted.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditures.</i>	
Membership fees	\$3,325 17	Amount due Treasurer, December 1, 1896. \$	41 25
Government grant.....	1,800 00	Canadian Horticulturist	1,798 49
Advertisements	538 71	Salary—Editor, Secretary and Assistant.	1,200 00
Back numbers and samples	48 92	Commissions	551 82
Binding and bound volumes	29 95	Premiums.....	344 08
		Illustrations	294 92
		Affiliated societies.....	287 05
		Printing and stationery.....	261 30
		Directors' expenses	257 50
		Postage and telegrams	140 00
		Reporting.....	105 00
		Express and duty	54 39
		Collection and discount.....	31 38
		Auditing.....	30 00
		Committees	29 30
		Bookbinding	23 45
		Advertising.....	22 80
		Care of rooms	3 00
		Exchanges	1 00
		Balance in hand December 1, 1897.....	266 02
	\$5,742 75		\$5,742 75

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Secretary-Treasurer and find that they agree and are correct.

GRIMSBY, 9th December, 1897.

A. H. PETTIT, }
G. E. FISHER, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors:

We, the undersigned, your Finance Committee, have to report that we have carefully examined all accounts and payments made by our Secretary-Treasurer, and have initialed them to show that we approve of them; and we believe the expenditures have all been made in the best interests of our Association. We note with satisfaction the large increase in membership and also the increased receipts from advertising, both being larger than in any other year of our history. We also wish to note the careful, neat and systematic manner in which all books and accounts are kept.

(Signed) { A. M. SMITH,
W. M. ORR,
M. PETTIT.