

our Directors, and a series of important topics will be discussed, such as "Fruit Exhibits at Fairs," "Judging Fruits," "Fruit Lists for Ontario," "Values of the Various Kinds of Apples," "Evaporation of Fruits," "Apples for Stock," "The Cultivation of the Peach," "The Cultivation of the Pear," "Grape Growing for Market," "Currant Culture for Profit," "The Fall Purchasing of Trees," etc. Now is the time to make further suggestions to the Secretary of such subjects as any member would like to have taken up and discussed, as the officers desire to make the meetings and the Report as full of variety and as interesting as possible.

The meeting is to be held in Windsor in response to the invitation of the North Essex Farmers' Institute, whose worthy Secretary, Mr. N. J. Clinton, takes a deep interest in our work.

The Windsor Board of Trade and the Windsor Vine Growers' Association will also co-operate with us. The Michigan Horticultural Society promise to send us some representatives, and the New York State Horticultural Society will probably be represented by Mr. S. D. Willard, of Geneva, N.Y.

In many places there seems to be an impression that only members may attend our meetings. This is a great mistake; our object is to

advance the interests of the Province by encouraging the industry of fruit culture, and unless we can get the ears of the public how can we do them any good? Will our readers please correct this error, and encourage the public, both ladies and gentlemen, to attend our meetings.

The Dominion Convention.

OVER a year ago it was agreed between the Montreal Horticultural Society and the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association that a Dominion Convention of Fruit Growers would be of great benefit to the Dominion, by discussing the capabilities of the various Provinces for fruit culture, the most hardy fruits and those adapted to the colder sections, Forestry, Economic Entomology, and various other subjects of general interest. The report of such a meeting would form a volume of great value for distribution by the Government in foreign countries, as well as throughout the whole of our vast Dominion.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Carling, has given his approval to the scheme, and a vote of \$2,000 has been made to carry out the proposed convention. It will be held in Ottawa in February next, and the programme is now being arranged.

QUESTION DRAWER

The Brown Rot of the Grape.

77. I WRITE to you for information. My grapes just now are affected with a disease. I know not what to call it. They are now fully formed and by degrees are turning a dark colour and fall off the vine. On cutting them open they have a peculiar smell as if decaying. It is only the Rogers grapes that are affected so. Concord and other kinds I have are not so affected. Grapes are

but a small crop with me this year. You, perhaps, may be able to say what the disease is, and if any are affected in the same way up west, or perhaps some of your numerous subscribers may have some grapes diseased in the same manner. Our crops in this section of Canada are excellent. We have not had for many years anything like it.—JAMES ROSAMOND, *Almonte, Lanark Co., Ont.*