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 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.
 

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The annual fee is ONE DOLLAR, payable on the first day of January in each year, and may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, D. W. Beadle, Esq., St. Catharines.

Any person remitting the fees of old or new members, with their names and post-office address, may retain ten per cent. of the amount for his trouble. This arrangement is in lieu of the extra allowance in trees formerly given for each club of five members.

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 OBJECTS AND BENEFITS.
 

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This Association seeks to collect, arrange, and disseminate information on the subject of Fruit Culture.

These objects are secured in the following manner:—

By holding meetings every year in different localities, of which all members receive notice by circular; by reporting and preserving the discussions; by procuring and publishing valuable essays by skilled fruit-growers; by appointing committees to make personal examination of different sections of the Province, and report upon the peculiar characteristics of the soil, climate, and special conditions of fruit culture therein, by illustrating the Annual Report with coloured lithographs, drawn from nature, of the new fruits raised by our Canadian hybridists; by disseminating among the members trees or plants of some new fruit that promises to be valuable throughout the Province, only exacting that the members will make a report for a few years to the Secretary, as to the manner these succeed with them; by rewarding essayists, and, as far as practicable, the efforts of our hybridists.

In calling the attention of your neighbours to the advantages and benefits derived from becoming a member of this Association, you will confer a favour on your friends, and receive ten per cent. of the amount you may collect as a recognition of your services.

ROBERT BURNET,  
*President.*

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 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE HYBRID SEEDLING GRAPES OF WILLIAM H. MILLS, Esq., HAMILTON.
 

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Your Committee, agreeably to appointment, visited the grounds of Mr. Mills on the 15th September last. The grounds are well adapted to fruit-culture, being well sheltered and the soil a warm sandy loam, with good drainage. Some of the vines however were standing in positions not altogether favourable to early ripening. The system of training pursued for the most part is an adaptation of pole-culture, the vines being trained around 4 poles about 2 feet apart in form of a square, thus leaving a hollow space in the centre for the circulation of the air. A considerable number of the standard varieties of grapes are in cultivation on Mr. Mills' grounds, giving your Committee a good opportunity to make comparisons with the Hybrids raised by Mr. Mills. The vines were growing luxuriantly, with very little attempt to restrain their growth in any way.

Mr. Mills' Hybrids as shown to the Committee are the "Lavega," "Ella," "Sultana," "Augusta," "Excelsior," "Otonel," "Pomona" and "Muscatel." In a note received from Mr. Mills after the visit, he expressed the desire that the report be made only upon the 3 first named sorts (Lavega, Ella and Sultan) leaving his other varieties, in the mean time, for further testing, and we accordingly deferred to his wishes.

The "Lavega,"—parents Rose Chasselas and Diana—dead ripe at this time and in comparison with Delaware, in same position, evidently a week to ten days earlier—every berry ripe, and unlike Diana, one of its parents, in this respect; unusually sweet and on this account, said by its originator to be eatable 1st of September; thin in skin and without pulp; delicate, without coloring matter—hence should make a white wine without the addition of sugar—not likely to carry a long distance.—color, red, even in size of berry

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