

form capacity for 600 musicians, and a mammoth organ, built to order for the Exposition, occupies the centre of the interior.

The main building will contain general exhibits. It is situated about in the centre of the grounds.

### QUESTION DRAWER.

#### FIELD MICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

DEAR SIR,—Will tarred felt paper prevent the mice from girdling young fruit trees, or would it injure the trees any?

Yours, very truly,

SUBSCRIBER.

Toronto, 25th Sept., 1884.

REPLY.—We have never tried this paper for the purpose mentioned, but believe it would be effectual and would not injure the trees. If you try it, please report your experience.

#### WHITE THORN.

DEAR SIR,—As I was out rambling through the woods yesterday, I came across a species of thorn entirely new to me. You will find a small branch enclosed. Please inform through *Horticulturist*, and oblige,

Yours, truly, T. A. CHAPMAN.

Echo Heights, Baltimore, Ont.

We submitted the branch to one of our best Canadian botanists, and received the following

REPLY.—The spines are longer and more slender, and the leaves slightly deeper cut than usual, but I have no doubt your specimen is a young shoot of *crataegus oxyacantha*. With neither flowers or fruit it is difficult to say with absolute certainty, but still I feel confident that it is as I say, a form of the above.

Very truly yours,

T. T. M. BURGESS.

London, Ontario.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

This meeting was held in the town of Barrie, in the County of Simcoe. It was a new departure this holding of our meeting in any other place than that in which the Provincial Exhibition is being held. The founders of the Fruit Growers' Association thought to secure a larger attendance and a wider representation, and thereby to accomplish the greater good, by holding the annual meeting in connection with the Agricultural and Arts Exhibition. Experience, that greatest of teachers, has shown that hitherto the magnitude of the Provincial Exhibition has quite overshadowed everything else; that only one evening could be devoted to the objects of our Association, which barely gave time for the reading of reports, the President's annual address, and the election of officers. No time could be had for eliciting or imparting information, for the discussion of horticultural subjects, in short, for the furtherance of those objects for which the Association exists.

The meeting at Barrie was a great success. Representative men were present from all parts of the Province. A varied collection of fruits and flowers was exhibited, especially from the vicinity of Barrie, giving an opportunity of ascertaining what attention is being given there to the cultivation of these things, and with what measure of success. Two days were spent in very pleasant and profitable discussion of topics connected with horticulture and forestry. A short-hand reporter was present to take down the discussions and preserve the information thus obtained for dissemination through our annual report.