

lected the following officers : John Robertson, Inkerman, President ; Alfred E. Dewar, Vice President ; Richard Burke, Sec.-Treas. ; Directors for Queen's Co.—J. H. Gill, Alfred Dewar, Richard Burke ; Prince Co.—Rev. A. E. Burke, D. A. Sharpe, John Johnstone ; King's Co.—John Robertson, D. J. Stewart, G. E. Goff.

His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Howlan was appointed an Honorary Member of the Association, and received hearty congratulations and very warm praise for his disinterested and untiring efforts to advance horticultural interests in this Province. At this meeting the by-laws and constitution of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario were unanimously adopted.

The first annual meeting of the Association was held in the Market Building, in Charlottetown, on March 26, 1897, when the following staff of officers was elected : Hon. President—Lt.-Governor Howlan ; President—F. B. McRae ; Vice-President—Edward Bayfield ; Sec.-Treas.—D. J. Stewart ; Directors, Queen's—J. H. Gill, R. Burke, Jos. Wise ; King's—John Robertson, D. J. Stewart, Geo. E. Goff ; Prince—Rev. A. E. Burke, A. K. Henry, D. A. Sharpe.

The second annual meeting was held in Charlottetown on April 19th, 1898. There was but a small attendance of members ; but those present were not thereby disheartened. It was evident that the organization was retrograding and required energetic action. It was therefore moved by Rev. A. E. Burke, seconded by Mr. Richard Burke, that an Act of Incorporation be secured at once. Mr. E. Bayfield and Mr. Jos. Wise, M. L. A., were appointed a committee to draft same, and have it passed, and it is worthy of mention here that through their efforts it was enacted without cost to the Association. At this meeting the following officers were elected :

Patron—Lt.-Governor Howlan ; President—Edward Bayfield ; Vice President—John Robertson ; Secy.—Peter McCourt ; Treas.—Joseph Wise ; Directors, Queens—R. Burke, J. H. Gill, Peter McCallum ; Prince—Rev. A. E. Burke, D. A. Sharpe, John Johnstone ; King's—F. G. Bovyer, D. J. Stewart, Geo. E. Goff.

On July 5th, 1898, a meeting of the Western Fruit Growers' Association was held at Summerside, which was attended by several of the members, also by Lt. Governor Howlan, Edward Bayfield, President, and Peter McCourt, Secretary. After a very cordial and satisfactory exchange of views, the Western Association was by a unanimous vote amalgamated with the Fruit Growers' Association of P. E. Island.

This brief sketch of the infant days of the Association may not be of special interest to a great many Islanders at the present time, but when Fruit Growing becomes one of the staple industries of this Province, as it is destined to do, and newspaper files pass out of reach, it may be of some service to those who shall have occasion to refer to it.

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