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REPORT

OF THE

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

OF ONTARIO,

FOR 1877.

REPORT OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE
OF ONTARIO FOR THE YEAR 1877.

To the Honourable the Commissioner of Agriculture.

SIR,—It is again my pleasant duty to hand you the Annual Report of the Fruit Growers' Association, which will be found to contain a full account of the transactions of this Society for the year 1877.

The past season has been very favourable to the fruit culturist in all the fruits of our climate, with the exception of our great staple fruit, the apple. Of this there was a fair supply of those varieties which ripen in the summer and fall ; but we have not enough of winter apples to meet the wants of our own people. The plum crop was very abundant, and the grapes never were better in flavour or greater in quantity. Small fruits were plentiful and good, and the crop of peaches larger than usual.

The meetings of the Association have been well attended, and the discussions full of interest and information. The beneficial effect of these meetings in arousing attention and imparting information, is acknowledged with thanks on every hand ; and the influence of the Society in stimulating the propagation of new seedling fruits of good quality, is beginning to be felt. Many thanks are due to our enthusiastic hybridists for their painstaking efforts to improve several of our fruits. The Association is actively scattering the results of their labours through all parts of the Province, so that all who wish can readily and cheaply enjoy the benefits thereof.

Hoping that you will find by the Reports that the Association is faithfully and successfully working out the ends it was designed to achieve,

I have the honour to remain,

Your most obedient servant,

D. W. BEADLE, *Secretary.*