

APPENDIX I.

OUR AFFILIATED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

All members of affiliated societies receive free the *Canadian Horticulturist* (monthly), recently enlarged to include floriculture; the Annual Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario; some new flowering or fruiting plant from that Association; and a lecture at the society hall by some competent horticulturist, sent by the Ontario Association.

BELLEVILLE.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.—*President*, W. C. Reid; *1st Vice-President*, S. J. Wadden; *2nd Vice President*, William Kemp; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. Jeffers Diamond. *Directors*.—A. M. Ketcheson, John Aris, Dr. Tracy, John Harris, James Copeland, William Connors, J. W. London, F. Davey Diamond, W. Jeffers Diamond. *Auditors*—J. W. Butterfield, William Rodburn, James A. Conger.

BRAMPTON.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.—*President*, Dr. C. Y. Moore; *1st Vice-President*, Henry Dale; *2nd Vice-President*, John Jeffers; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Henry Roberts.

BURLINGTON.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.—*President*, Geo. E. Fisher; *Vice-President*, J. S. Freeman; *Secretary Treasurer*, A. W. Peart; *Assistant-Secretary*, Geo. N. Peer. *Directors*.—Apples, E. Peart; grapes, Chas. Dynes; pears, W. V. Hopkins; peaches, John Ireland; plums, W. F. W. Fisher; cherries, T. Foster; vegetables, J. W. Bridgeman; shipping, Joseph Lindley, J. S. Freeman, O. T. Springer. *Auditors*.—J. R. Blanchard and F. Parsons. *Executive Committee*.—Dr. Husband, Alex. Reach, S. W. T. Glover.

Reports on the various fruits for the year were made by Geo. S. Fisher, on apples; A. W. Peart, grapes; H. T. Foster, small fruits; W. V. Hopkins, pears; W. F. W. Fisher, plums, and J. S. Freeman, shipping.

The President, Geo. E. Fisher, in his annual address, referred to the usefulness of the Association in promoting mutual sympathies and co-operation among its members, and in affording opportunities for the interchange of knowledge and experience. The unusual apple twig and pear blight was one of the striking features of the past season. He believed that better times were ahead of us, and that we might expect higher prices in the future than those that prevailed during the past season. The time had come, he thought, when more attention should be paid to quality and marketing. He also spoke of the possibilities of cold storage as applied to our more perishable fruits, and considered that when it was an accomplished fact, large quantities of pears and grapes, as well as tomatoes, would be shipped to Great Britain.

We are able to report another successful year for our Society. Our numbers are gaining year by year, and a deep studious interest in all pertaining to fruit-growing pervades our Association. Three regular meetings, several special ones, and the annual have been held.