

being noxious weeds. About 1000 bushels of wheat imported from Europe have been distributed, with what results not known. Oats and barley of a superior quality have also been distributed, in *what quantities not told*. The Osier Willow has been propagated most successfully, and 15,000 roots and cuttings will be distributed the present season."

England, it is true, has no special bureau of agriculture, but the spontaneous liberality of a wealthy aristocracy renders it less needful, and yet the government expenditures in favour of agricultural improvements are upon a magnificent scale. The respective Governments of Russia, Austria, Prussia, are fully alive to the importance of aiding agricultural literature, and arousing a spirit of emulation, generous rivalry, and *enquiry* in connection with the all-important branch of industry.

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Horticulture.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

The Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Upper Canada, was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Hamilton, Wednesday, January 21st, 1863.

The President, Judge Logie, took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegate from the Western N. Y. F. G. Society, Mr. E. Moody, of Lockport, was introduced by the President and requested to take part in the proceedings.

The report of the committee to which was referred the answers received to the questions issued by the Association was then read. The report embraces the substance of nearly seventy replies received from thirty different counties, containing a large amount of very valuable information in relation to the different varieties of fruit in the several parts of the Province. When finished it will make a pamphlet of about forty pages. The meeting listened to the reading of the report with much interest and ordered it to be printed as soon as the necessary funds can be procured.

The President then read the annual address, which was received with applause, a vote of thanks unanimously carried with the request that he will please furnish a copy for publication.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

President, Judge Logie of Hamilton,
1st Vice President, George Leslie, of Toronto,
2nd Vice President, Charles Arnold, of Paris,
Secretary and Treasurer, D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines.

FRUIT COMMITTEE.—J. C. Small, R. N. Ball, W. Holton, J. Freed, G. Laing.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.—D. W. Beadle, James Taylor, W. McGiverin.

On motion of Mr. McNab, seconded by Mr. Laing, it was resolved that the meeting in July next be held at Toronto, and that the meeting in November next be held at St. Catharines.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Craigie, some changes in the present prize list of the Agricultural Association were approved, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy to the Board of Agriculture with the request that they would be pleased to take them into consideration in making up the prize list for 1863.

The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Dr. Craigie were appointed a committee to take such steps as were necessary to place the Fruit Growers' Association on the same footing with agricultural societies.

Messrs Laing, Leslie and Beadle were appointed delegates to the Western N. Y. Fruit Growers' Society.

The subjoined paper on grape culture by Mr. Arnold was read, a vote of thanks carried, with the request that he would continue the subject, and give the Secretary a copy for publication.

A continuation of Mr. Laing's paper on general culture and management was read, for which he received the thanks of the meeting and was requested to furnish a copy for publication. It was resolved to take up the subject of small summer fruits for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnston of Norval exhibited a sample of wine manufactured by the Hon. Peter Adamson, of "Toronto House," from the juice of a grape which he imported from the Peninsula. The name of the grape was unknown to Mr. Johnston, but as it had proved hardy and was thought likely to be a valuable variety, the association recommended that it be known provisionally as the "Adamson Imported Grape," until its true name can be ascertained.

Some colored drawings of fruit were exhibited by Mr. Moody, delegate from the Western N. Y. Fruit Growers' Society, very nicely executed by Mrs. E. Bennet, of Lockport, New York.

Very fine samples of the King of Tompkins County Apple were sent to the meeting from the Western N. Y. Fruit Growers' Society by Mr. E. C. Frost, of Havana, New York.

Mr. W. H. Mills, of Hamilton, exhibited six varieties of apple, including fine specimens of the Ribston Pippin, Northern Spy and Golden Russet.

Mr. A. Alexander, of Hamilton, sent several very nicely kept bunches of Isabella grapes.

Mr. C. Arnold of Paris, exhibited six varieties of winter pear, and a sample of wine from the Diana grape.

Mr. Craigie exhibited samples of the Ancaster seedling apple.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to congratulate the Association on the progress made by it during