

best suited to various localities, to test the excellence of new varieties, to spread abroad information as to the best methods of handling, packing, and marketing fruit when grown, and to direct and control legislation in the interests of the industry.

In the earlier days of the association fruit shows were held, which did much to stimulate fruit-growers towards making improvements in their methods. These shows are now held under the auspices of other organizations. The means now taken for the furtherance of the objects of the association are the holding of meetings and the publication of bulletins and reports.

RESULTS ACHIEVED.

The association was incorporated and received its first grant from the Government in 1868. This grant enabled the association to begin the publishing of its reports, and to undertake the work of distributing tested varieties of fruit for growth in districts where previously fruit-growing had



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been abandoned, owing to the failure that had been experienced in the growth of varieties that had been unsuitable. In this way whole districts of the province have been turned into profitable fruit-producing areas, which were formerly thought to be influenced by climatic conditions unfavorable to fruit-growing. The painstaking work of the scientific fruit-grower has resulted, by means of careful hybridizing and judicious selection, in the production of varieties, at least of our hardier sorts of fruit, suited to every district of the province.

Very effective work has also been done by the association in the discovering, testing, and spreading information abroad of means for combating the attacks of blights, mildews, and ravages of insects upon our various sorts of fruit. Information as to the best varieties of fruit suitable for every district in the province has been procured, and standards of value as to hardiness, productiveness, flavor, etc., etc., have been established;

all of which has been distributed where it will do most good.

Similarly, information as to the best methods of handling, shipping, and marketing fruit has been procured and spread abroad. The association also has made its corporate influence felt in securing from transportation companies more favorable rates and more rapid and convenient means of transportation.

In the advocacy of all these matters the association's journal, *The Canadian Horticulturist*, the editor of which is Mr. Linus Woolverton, of Grimsby, has been a constant and efficient helper.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Too much credit can scarcely be given, for the great influence which the association has been able to effect in the general improvement of our fruit industry, to the many skilful and public-spirited fruit-growers who have taken prominent part in the working of the association. Where there are so many deserving of mention, we cannot but omit some equally worthy of public honor with the names selected. But it is only just to say that such men as Linus Woolverton, of Grimsby, the secretary and editor; Murray Pettit, of Winona, the present president; George Nichol, of Cataract; Thomas Beall, of Lindsay; A. M. Smith and D. W. Beadle, of St. Catharines; T. H. Race, of Mitchell; G. C. Caston, of Craighurst; A. H. Pettit, of Grimsby; W. S. Turner, of Cornwall; R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa; W. H. Dempsey, of Trenton; W. W. Hilborn, Leamington; E. D. Smith, of Winona; and W. E. Wellington, of Toronto, are worthy of the good will and esteem of the friends of fruit culture everywhere in Ontario. Professor John Craig, of Ottawa, *Dominion Horticulturist*, has also had no small share in promoting the interests of Ontario fruit-growing.

THE FRUIT EXPERIMENT STATIONS OF ONTARIO.

At a meeting of the Fruit-Growers' Association of Ontario, held December, 1893, a committee was appointed to devise a practical scheme for experimental horticulture, the idea being to have several small stations for such purposes. This committee, consisting of Messrs. John Craig, of Ottawa, *Dominion Horticulturist*, A. McNeill, Windsor, and W. W. Hilborn, Leamington, prepared a scheme, which was approved by the directors of the Fruit-Growers' Association, and afterwards by the Minister of Agriculture. The plan provides for the establishment of a number of experiment stations, each under the control of a specialist, and each devoted to the cultivation of some particular class or classes of fruit. The