

careful and crystallized way of talking of subjects that you take up. You know that you have the future horticulture in your hands. There has been an allusion to annexation. I don't believe the people of the United States entertain the least idea of it. Not that they would not get the best people on earth, but we have had a bitter experience in our civil war in trying to hold down an immense territory. It would be a poetic thing to see this continent all governed by one people, but I think in the nature of things it would be impossible for any one government to hold so many classifications and environments and soil and conditions in one people. People are jealous, and politicians are tricky, and it would make trouble, and it would cause wars and bloodshed, and injure all parties. The best thing for us is a genuine, square, honest, fair, fraternal reciprocity. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The meeting, which had been enlivened by several musical selections, closed with the national anthem at 10.30 p.m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention resumed at 10 a.m.

On request of the President, Mr. McNeill read the report of the Nominating Committee.

THE OFFICERS FOR 1896.

President, M. Pettit, Winona; *Vice-President*, W. E. Wellington, Toronto; *Secretary-Treasurer and Editor*, Linus Woolverton, Grimsby; *Directors*: W. S. Turner, Cornwall; R. B. Whyte, Ottawa; George Nicol, Cataragui; Wellington Boulter, Picton; Thos. Beall, Lindsay; R. L. Huggard, Whitby; W. M. Orr, Fruitland; A. M. Smith, St. Catharines; J. S. Scarff, Woodstock; John Stewart, Benmiller; T. H. Race, Mitchell; Alexander McNeill, Windsor; G. C. Caston, Craighurst. *Auditors*: A. H. Pettit, Grimsby; George Fisher, Burlington. *Representatives* on the Board of Control of the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations: Messrs. W. E. Wellington, A. H. Pettit and A. M. Smith.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as a whole.

The PRESIDENT: I thank you for the honor you have done me in electing me for a second term, and I only ask for a continuance of the kind assistance and consideration I have received at your hands during the past year. I assure you that I shall do all in my power to forward the great industry that we have here represented. (Applause).

REPORTS OF EXPERIMENT STATION BOARD.

The SECRETARY: The operations of the experimental stations are so extensive, and the report is so bulky and so much in detail, that it would exhaust all the patience of the members to hear it read.

Mr. A. H. PETTIT: As this report is so bulky and will be published in our annual report, I would suggest that we pass it over, as we have so much to be done at this session.

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