

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario was held in the Music Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1889, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The President, A. McD. Allan, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting was read by the Secretary, and approved.

The Treasurer's report, duly audited, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer and adopted.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Denton, London, seconded by Mr. Thomas Beall, Lindsay, it was resolved that since it is desirable that the Treasurer's report end on December 1st instead of September 1st, therefore that two auditors be appointed to audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer from September 1st, 1889, to December 1st, 1889.

The President then appointed Messrs. Wm. Saunders, of Ottawa, and James Goldie, of Guelph, as auditors for this purpose.

The President read his annual address, which received the closest attention.

Mr. A. McNeill, Windsor, said that several points in the address should be noticed, for instance, the study of horticulture in our public schools. He thought the Association should express itself in favor of this study being introduced into the schools.

The Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Minister of Education and read at the Hamilton meeting, to the effect that a book was in preparation for use in the schools which would take up the subjects of both agriculture and horticulture.

Mr. N. J. Clinton, Windsor, said that he once attended a school in which a book on agriculture was introduced, but it took the shape of agricultural chemistry. Such a book is too deep for public schools, and would be more suitable in a high school.

Mr. T. H. Race, of Mitchell, was of the opinion that the best place in which to teach the children horticulture, was in the garden at home. At one time he was in the habit of giving away the surplus fruit of his garden, but of late he had given his children the privilege of gathering and marketing both fruits and flowers, and sharing the profits. By such means, he thought, the subject could be taught much more effectively than by introducing a text book into our schools, whose list of subjects is already overcrowded.

On motion, a committee consisting of A. M. Smith, J. A. Morton and Prof. Saunders was appointed by the chairman to prepare an obituary notice of the Rev. R. Burnet.