

APPENDIX.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

BURLINGTON.

At the annual meeting of the Society held December 17th, 1895, the following officers were selected for the year 1896 :

President.—Geo. E. FISHER, Freeman.

Vice-President.—J. S. FREEMAN, Freeman.

Secretary-Treasurer.—A. W. PEART, Freeman.

Assistant-Secretary.—Geo. N. PEER, Freeman.

Directors—Apples, EDWIN PEART; Grapes, D. JARDINE; Small Fruits, JOSEPH GARDINER; 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 and O. T. SPRINGER.

Auditors.—FRED PARSONS and WILLIAM EMERSON.

Executive Committee.—Dr. HUSBAND, ALEX. RIACH and T. GLOVER.

Reports on the various departments of fruits were made by the following gentlemen :

Geo. E. Fisher on "Apples;" A. W. Peart, "Grapes;" J. W. Bridgeman and Joseph Gardiner, "Small Fruits;" W. V. Hopkins, "Pears;" Alex. Riach, "Peaches;" W. F. W. Fisher, "Plums;" J. S. Freeman, "Cherries and Shipping."

The Secretary-Treasurer presented his annual report which showed an increase of membership for the year, and a substantial balance on hand.

The President, Geo. E. Fisher, in his annual address referred to the steady growth of the Association, and the necessity for each member to work zealously for its good to the mutual profit of all. We should be ready at all times to modify our plans according to the changing conditions, adopt business-like methods, and be on the alert for the best markets. The fruit grower of to-day should be educated and understand the principles of botany, chemistry and pathology as applied to the production of fruits. He endorsed the scheme of local experimental fruit stations, as they would save both time and money. While fruit growing is one of the great industries of this province, we must pay strict attention to the quality of our fruit as outside competition is very keen. In closing an able address he said that a united effort should be made to try to retain all the old members of the Association, and secure as many new ones as possible for 1896.

The past year of our Society has been a successful one, both in the increase of membership and in the interest taken in our public meetings. We have held four regular meetings as well as the annual. At each of these, addresses or papers, on some subject relating to fruit were given by experienced fruit growers. The acreage of fruits, especially the smaller ones, has been very much increased, a good deal of attention being paid to currants, blackberries and raspberries. In common with many other sections of Ontario, the May frost did a good deal of damage, still, there was sufficient fruit left at remunerative prices, to give growers a fairly prosperous year. Apples were the best crops known for years, and the quality was prime, even the Snow Apple and Holland Pippin being spotless.

As usual, many members took advantage of the annual drive, and spent a pleasant and profitable day among the orchards of the Dundas and Waterdown districts. We also exhibited a collection of fruit at the Industrial Fair, Toronto, to which was awarded first prize.