

In compliance with the recommendation of this society, at its last annual meeting, your Secretary was commissioned by the Dominion Government to succeed Professor William Saunders, the President of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association, in charge of the Canadian Fruit Department at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, that gentleman having engagements which prevented his remaining to fill the position which he had occupied with so much ability throughout the preparation and installation of the exhibits. I have to again thank you, Mr. President, and members of this Association, for the kind recommendation that led to the appointment; and I trust that the humble services rendered may prove of substantial benefit to fruit growers in all sections of the Dominion. As it is my intention, time permitting, to make some remarks later on, relative to this department of the great Colonial Exhibition, I will not now weary you further.

The financial statement and Auditor's report were then read, and on motion of MR. SMITH and MR. WHITMAN, adopted.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The following address was read by PRESIDENT HART.

To the Members of the Fruit Growers' Association, and International Show Society of Nova Scotia :

RESPECTED FRIENDS,—Permitted again to address you at our annual meeting, it becomes me to give with you, devout thanks to God, the giver of all good, for his kind favors bestowed during another year.

We are closing the twenty-third year of our existence as a society, and it is pleasing to be able to say that there has never been a year in which so great and varied interests have gathered around the culture of fruits in our country, as have come to us during the past one.

The work which our Association is endeavoring to perform, calls for the sympathy and aid of all classes in the country, and it is a matter for congratulation, that as our aims become better understood, and as we are able to show that our efforts do largely benefit the whole province, especially those most immediately concerned in the culture of fruits, the purpose of our organization is better appreciated.

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