

Although the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association has been formed only eight months and is receiving a government grant just one-third as large as that of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, it already has a paid-up membership of 225 with branches at Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Brantford, Leamington, Chatham and Sarnia. The directors of the Vegetable Growers' Association have prepared a plan of work that should greatly strengthen the association, during the coming year. The Fruit Growers' Association will have to bestir itself if it does not want to be relegated to second place.

Two handsome ferns have been given The Horticulturist by Mr. A. Gilchrist, of Oaklea, West Toronto Junction. One is a specimen of the new *Nephrolepis Barrowsi*. The other is a well grown plant of *Nephrolepis Scotti*. Both are splendid ferns and Mr. Gilchrist has been voted the thanks of the staff for his lovely donation.

The words of praise, expressed at the recent convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, over the improvements that have been made in The Canadian Horticulturist are appreciated as being a recognition of the efforts we are putting forth to make this paper one of which our readers may well feel proud.

Mr. S. Batcheler, of Leamington, Ont., was recently forwarded a nice premium by The Horticulturist for having purchased goods from the Webster Floral Co., of Hamilton, and for having told them that he saw their advertisement in this paper. It pays to patronize our advertisers. Try it and see.

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Fruit Growers Still Dissatisfied

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president St. Catharines Cold Storage and Forwarding Company: "We would prefer to have a division under a separate head and not subordinate to any other, so that when we want anything we will have a man at the head of the fruit division who will be in touch with our needs and who will be in a position to take action without having to consult the head of any other division. The Dominion department has given us all that we require so far, but we feel that this may not always be the case. It is like putting any other man than a farmer in as minister of agriculture."

Mr. A. E. Sherrington of Walkerton, manager Walkerton Fruit Growers' Association: "Owing to the importance of the fruit industry it is absolutely necessary that the fruit division

shall be separate and distinct from any other. After listening to the remarks of Hon. Mr. Fisher in regard to the fruit growers of Canada asking and demanding that a fruit commissioner be appointed at Ottawa, and hearing his statement that the present arrangement will not injuriously affect the fruit interests, I am of the opinion that no matter how good a man Mr. Ruddick may be, he is not in as close sympathy or touch with the fruit growers of the Dominion as the man in charge of the fruit interests of the Dominion department at Ottawa should be."

Mr. W. A. Peer, of Freeman, secretary of the Burlington Fruit Growers' Association: "I listened to Hon. Mr. Fisher's explanation of his reasons for placing the fruit division under the dairy division, but it failed to convince me that his action was in the best interests of the fruit growers. The fruit industry is developing so rapidly it warrants the appointment of an independent commissioner."

Mr. Murray Pettit, of Winona, president Niagara District Fruit Growers' Stock Co., Limited: "Would the dairymen or live stock breeders be satisfied if the chief of their divisions were placed under the chief of the fruit division? They would not, for they would realize that such an arrangement would place their industry in a secondary position. As fruit growers, we cannot but feel that if our industry is to receive the encouragement it should, it should have at its head a man who is in close touch with our needs and who is in a position to act without having to consult a person who is known to lack experience in fruit growing."

D. Johnson, president Forest Fruit Growers' Association: "The fruit growers of Ontario cannot help but feel, in spite of the very reasonable explanation of Hon. Mr. Fisher, that their interests have been placed in a secondary position when their worthy chief has been placed under the control of the dairy department. While we greatly respect and admire Mr. Ruddick personally, yet we are strongly of the opinion that our interests will be largely sacrificed by not having an independent fruit commissioner. The fruit division requires great extension rather than curtailment, and I have no doubt if our present chief is given proper support and liberty of action that the fruit industry will be much helped."

The Tariff Essex Growers Want

The vegetable growers of Essex county have asked for an increase in the duty on certain products that come into keenest competition with the crops produced in that district.

Tomato growers asked for 25 per cent. on a minimum valuation of two cents a pound. It was requested that the tariff on cucumbers be made 25 cents a dozen, cabbage two cents a head and melons three cents each.

I have noted quite an improvement in The Horticulturist, and wish you every success in your efforts to further improve it.—(W. Hewitson, Fruitland, Ont.)