

and rail shipment, which constituted a great difficulty.

FRUIT MEN'S NEEDS.

Mr. A. McNeill, of Ottawa, outlined the fruit men's needs. They wanted a change in classification of several kinds of fruit. Apples should be in class 8 instead of class 5. They wanted different arrangements about mixed cars. They wanted better local rates and lower rates on cull apples. One of their greatest wants was better accommodation at stations, and for tracing cars en route.

Mr. W. L. Smith, editor of *The Farmer's Sun*, dwelt upon the necessity for co-operation among all the farmers so as to present their claims upon transportation companies before the railway commission. Mr. H. W. Dawson, of Dawson Bros., Toronto, said that there was no class of freight paying higher and more disproportionate charges than fruit.

Mr. E. D. Smith, M. P., of Winona, said that the railway commission should have two men representing the producers of Canada and one should be a practical farmer. If two members should represent the railways, the producers would be in no better position than before.

The following committee was appointed to attend to the question of transportation: Messrs. W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines; R. J. Graham, Belleville; H. W. Dawson, Toronto; D. D. Wilson, Seaforth; W. L. Smith, Toronto; D. J. MacKinnon, Grimsby, and J. M. Shuttleworth, Brantford.

OCEAN RATES.

Mr. L. Woolverton, Grimsby, introduced the question of ocean rates. He had shipped Bartlett pears last summer, and much of the fruit had been seriously injured by the temperature in the fruit compartments on the vessels being too high. If a certainty of temperature could be obtained on

the ocean vessels a good trade could be done in England.

Mr. W. W. Moore, of Ottawa, chief of the market division of the Department of Agriculture, explained that the difficulty complained of by Mr. Woolverton was that the steamers' cold storage compartments were too closely packed, and the chamber could not be properly cooled in the centre. In another case, on the steamer *Cicilian*, the fruits sent by Mr. Woolverton and Mr. E. D. Smith were over-ripe before leaving Montreal. A quantity of California fruit sent in the same chambers turned out splendidly at Glasgow.

Mr. E. D. Smith, replying, said that some of the blame was due to the railway for delay in delivering at Montreal.

In keeping with the suggestion for the appointment of a committee on organization, with reference to co-operative work, the following were appointed: Messrs. G. W. Cody, Leamington; Robert Thompson, St. Catharines; A. W. Peart, Burlington; A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton, and Wm. Rickard, M. P. P.

A resolution was passed urging the Government to remit the duties on raw sugar for canning, and on fruit packages, and asking for legislation to compel canners to label canned preserves to show the actual contents, and that such goods be labelled "Made in Canada."

Mr. A. C. McNeill read a brief address upon fruit packages. Uniformity of packages was a great essential. He recommended the use of a standard apple box 10 by 11 by 20 inches. The matter was referred to a committee.

BENEFIT OF CO-OPERATION.

In the afternoon Mr. W. H. Owen, of Catawba Island, Ohio, spoke of co-operative fruit packing and marketing. He dwelt most strongly upon the value of a central packing house system, where the fruit is collected and graded, and the commission