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MANY RESOLUTIONS WERE WITHDRAWN

Matters Discussed at Recent
Convention at Which Fruit-
grower's Association Was
Launched

Provincial Horticulturist R. M. Winslow, who, with Deputy Minister Scott of the Department of Agriculture, has returned from the Kamloops convention, is in hearty accord with his chief in pronouncing the gathering which resulted in the reorganization of the Fruit Growers' Association of British Columbia, one of the most important steps that has recently been taken in connection with this now very active industry. With R. M. Winslow as president, and such keen business men as well as expert orchardists as Mr. Ricardo Mr. McLeod and Mr. Thos. G. Earl, and others upon the directorate, the association is certain to play a useful part in the promotion of all interests identified with the advancement of the industry. An indication of the widespread interest taken in the Kamloops convention and the stamp of orchardists at the back of the new association and identified with its success in prospect, it is interesting to note that the following were present and will form what might be termed the roll of charter members: Messrs. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Captain R. Elliott, Victoria; C. E. Lawrence, Kamloops; R. Robertson, Vancouver; A. Bailey, Hancoy; J. W. Cockle, Kelso; A. McTaggart, Hancoy; T. G. Earl, Lytton; F. D. Campbell, Kamloops; R. M. Palmer, Kamloops; J. J. Campbell, West Kootenay; T. W. McKenzie, Port Hammond; James Rooke, Grand Forks; R. H. Wilson, Chilliwack; J. Spier, Vernon; E. W. Mutch, Penticton; W. J. Brandt, Ladner; T. Abriel, Nantah; H. C. Ricardo, Coldstream; R. H. Agur, Summerland; B. D. Nicholson, Salmon Arm; W. B. Leighton, (C. P. R.); Winnipeg; R. Helm (Dominion Express Company), Winnipeg; E. E. Sampson, Vernon; J. J. Armstrong, Kelowna; James Johnson, Victoria; C. F. G. A.; William Logan, Peachland; M. Winslow, Provincial Horticulturist; J. McDonald, Nelson; J. P. Rose, Creston; and G. J. J. Proctor. The new association, it is believed, has entered upon a career of exceptional usefulness to all who are in any way identified in British Columbia with the fruit growing or orchard industry.

Transportation. Of the many resolutions adopted after discussion at the Kamloops convention, a considerable number naturally touched various phases of the transportation question. One of these proposed that "whereas the express rate for carload lots of fruit from the American side is \$2.00, and that from the British Columbia points is \$2.25, be it resolved that the Dominion Express Company be requested to reduce the express rates on fruit shipments from British Columbia points to an equality with American express rates on fruit shipments to similar markets." Mr. Helm, for the express company, pointed out that business in this line at present has not assumed any large proportions, despite which fact a \$2.00 rate would be granted. As this was the concession aimed at the resolution was withdrawn.

Another withdrawn resolution was that "whereas a considerable amount of fruit might be shipped in ton or half-ton lots to the same consignees at the same time and to better advantage, be it therefore resolved that the express company be requested to grant a special rate on ton and half-ton fruit shipments." Mr. Helm stated that compliance in this case was quite impossible, and as the introducers of the resolution (Messrs. F. D. Campbell and T. McKenzie) had not sufficient data at command to make a good showing for their case, they courteously withdrew the resolution.

A third fruit transport resolution proposed by Messrs. Campbell and McKenzie, was that "whereas fruit shipped to points between Moosejaw and Brandon should be shipped by the morning eastbound train to avoid the transfer at Moosejaw, be it resolved that the C.P.R. be requested to have their morning train from all British Columbia points." Mr. Helm assured the convention that regard to the desired service would be given—perhaps even more would be done.

Another resolution in which the express company was concerned, and which was withdrawn after discussion upon the assurance by Mr. Helm that his company desired to protect fruit consignments against injury and invited prompt complaint in the event of damage, was proposed by Messrs. Campbell and McKenzie and read as follows: "Whereas considerable damage is done to fruit at points of trans-shipment by rough handling and exposure to rain and sun during the rush season, be it resolved that the express company be urged to take better care of fruit shipments at such points."

Arrangements satisfactory to all concerned being made outside the convention, the following resolution by Messrs. McDonald and Campbell was withdrawn: "That the Dominion Express Company be urged to guarantee to continue the barge and lake steamer service on the Kootenay lake from year to year without extra charge, so as to afford security in the planting of increased acreage." A resolution that the C.P.R. be urged to establish this year a pre-cooling warehouse at Kootenay Landing or some other suitable point on Kootenay Lake, went by the board for the same reason as that actuating the disposal of the previous motion.

As to the resolution offered by Messrs. Campbell and Johnson that the minimum carload should be reduced from 2000 lbs. to 1500, so as to be no greater than in the United States south of British Columbia, was withdrawn after discussion. Mr. Helm, entering into full explanation of costs debarring the company from making the desired reduction of minimum carload.

Express Handling. Mr. Helm's assurance that his company desired to meet the wishes

and serve the interests of fruit-growing patrons fairly was also responsible for the withdrawal of the following: "Whereas the manner in which express consignments of small fruits in the interior of this province are handled, and the consequent damage and destruction of such shipments, through gross carelessness at trans-shipment or transfer points; and whereas the heavy rates charged on express, and the careless handling of shipments are at once not only detrimental to the farmer fruit-grower, but ultimately at variance with the interests of this province, and, indeed, the Dominion Express Company itself; therefore be it resolved that this Farmers' Institute of the Arrow and Skeena Lakes, in open meeting assembled, are of the opinion that representation should be made from the convention of the Fruit Growers' Association to the Dominion Express Company, with a view to securing the betterment of existing conditions as speedily as possible, and that we so instruct our representatives present to meet and then represent us in this matter in the withdrawn list read: "That the Canadian Pacific Railway be respectfully requested to make reductions on ton and less-than-ton lots of all fruits from interior points to the Coast, and that the C. P. R. be requested to institute a regular service, with suitable fruit cars, for handling fruit shipments from interior points to the Coast." The changes proposed were shown by the C. P. R. representatives present to be of no practical advantage at the present time while improved facilities would be provided just so soon as increase in the volume of shipments warrants action in this direction.

A resolution presented by the Vernon Fruit Company, Limited, was to the effect that "whereas under the present tariff it is impossible for British Columbia to compete with Ontario in marketing their products in Winnipeg and western points, be it resolved that the British Columbia points mentioned receive the same rates as to points as far east as Winnipeg as to corresponding points in Ontario." In connection with this, the Resolution Committee noted that the resolution had been fully discussed on previous occasions with the C. P. R. officials who had submitted evidence tending to show that there was no necessity for making such a reduction in rates, competition for British Columbia fruit not being occasioned by Ontario growers, but by American fruit from Oregon and Washington. Mr. Leighton, who pointed out to the convention that the British Columbia fruit grower had a profitable market at his command in Saskatchewan and Alberta than was at present being supplied. In view of this fact it seemed folly to discuss such rates as dealt with in the resolution.

Other resolutions in line with the business bringing the fruit growers together were: "Resolved, that this convention desires to express appreciation of the services rendered the fruit-growing interests of British Columbia by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, through their western representatives. We appreciate that there are certain times when the fruit grower for the shipper, but at the same time we feel that the companies are fully alive to the fact that the fruit-growing industry is a valuable asset in connection with the prosperity of the transportation companies, and that where any requests have at the present time been preferred, we have received a fair measure of consideration, and trust that the resolutions that have been under consideration by this convention will obtain the attention which their importance demands, and that the joint interests thus combined, working hand in hand, will eventually result in the upbuilding of a vast enterprise which shall aid materially to the welfare of our fair province."

"Whereas the fruit industry of the British Columbia is assuming large proportions and is meeting with great competition in its natural markets of the Northwest Provinces; and whereas the duty on Canadian fruit exported to the United States is considerably higher than on fruit imported into Canada from the United States; be it therefore resolved that the Federal Government be respectfully requested to increase the present duty as that it shall equal that imposed on Canadian fruit by the United States."

"Resolved that we, the members of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, in convention assembled, express our hearty approval of the progress thus far made towards the promotion of the first Canadian National Apple Show, to be held in Vancouver about the first week in November, 1970; that we give our support and influence in promoting the success of the undertaking which we believe will be of great benefit to the fruit industry, both from the educational and the advertising standpoint; and further, we strongly recommend that the Provincial and Federal Governments grant liberal financial assistance to this enterprise."

The convention adjourned to meet in Victoria during the month of January, after adopting the following expression of condolence and sympathy in connection with the recent most regrettable death of the former Minister of Agriculture, Captain R. G. Tatlow.

"Resolved that the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association in convention assembled at the city of Kamloops, on the 19th day of April, 1970, beg to place upon record our feeling of deep sorrow at the sudden death of Captain R. G. Tatlow, ex-Minister of Agriculture and Finance for the Province of British Columbia, and for many years a valued member and supporter of this association; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and to our sincere sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

Quarrel and Suicide. ST. LOUIS, April 25.—(Daily S. Kingland, 62 years of age, until recently president of a gas engine company and a member of one of the city's most prominent families, committed suicide this afternoon after a quarrel with a son.

Drowned at Naples. NAPLES, April 25.—The American consulate today established the identity of Miss Marie Field, whose body was found on the beach near here on Saturday. She was a native of New York City, according to the statement of the consulate, and a sister of Mrs. Bertha Field, who, it was said, had held a re-upon of these integral parts and should have an exhibit of their industrial development that would be interesting and worth while.

STRUCK DOWN IN HIS PRIME

A. C. McCallum Dies Suddenly
of Heart Failure—Loss Is
Deeply Regretted by Large
Circle of Friends

Stricken in the midst of his family so suddenly and unexpectedly that his many friends could not grasp the fact of his death when the news spread yesterday, Arthur Campbell McCallum passed away at his home at Foul Bay on Sunday evening. Heart disease was the cause and death came with such rapidity that although Dr. O. M. Jones and Dr. Leader were hurried to the place at once Mr. McCallum was dead when they reached his home.

He was playing with some of his boys, said a friend of the family from interior points to the Coast, and that the C. P. R. be requested to institute a regular service, with suitable fruit cars, for handling fruit shipments from interior points to the Coast." The changes proposed were shown by the C. P. R. representatives present to be of no practical advantage at the present time while improved facilities would be provided just so soon as increase in the volume of shipments warrants action in this direction.

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The late Mr. McCallum was a son of the late Captain McCallum, of Colwood park, Esquimalt, and Mrs. McCallum who survives him and who lives on Lamson street. He also leaves a widow, a daughter, Miss C. A. B. E. McCallum, and four sons, Messrs. K. C. A. B. E. McCallum, and A. H. He also leaves a sister who is Mrs. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, of Nanaimo.

WIDOW GETS VERDICT
Jury at Vancouver Allows \$14,000 for Death of Harry Blayton in Tramway Collision

VANCOUVER, April 25.—A verdict of \$14,000 dollars was awarded by the special jury early this morning to the widow and two children of Harry Blayton, one of the men killed in the tram car accident on the New Westminster industrial line last November.

It was the first of the cases against the B. C. Electric Co. tried by the new jury. The company, while not admitting negligence, admitted that it was a question of assessing what the actual or probable loss to her by her husband's death, based upon his probable expectation of life earnings, power, etc. He was a ship carpenter and earned four dollars a day.

Justice Morrison warned the jury against allowing sentiment to enter into their verdict, also against giving excessive damages. The jury could not agree upon the amount. They, however, returned to kill time for the necessary three hours, which allows six of the eight to bring in a verdict. Seven finally agreed on fixing \$9,000 for the widow and \$5,000 for each of the children, aged ten and twelve.

There are some six cases to be heard, all the others arising out of the worst tram accident in Vancouver's history having been settled. The accident was caused by a runaway lumber car colliding with and telegraphing an early morning work train, most of the passengers being employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

Sugar Investigation. SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Representatives of four of the largest sugar concerns of this city and Honolulu were summoned today by the federal grand jury now in session here. They were examined by Assistant Attorney Jas. Knapp, of Washington, who is acting as special deputy under U. S. District Attorney Robert T. Devlin. At what trend the investigation would be subject to and to how far reaching it will be Mr. Knapp refused to say.

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