

## THE QUEBEC FRUIT GROWERS.

SIR,—Permit me, as the delegate from the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association to the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec, to give your readers a brief report of my visit.

The meeting was held this year in the beautiful and prosperous town of Granby. The attendance from a distance was very good, but for some reason there was not much interest shown by the townspeople. I have learned that in former meetings the attendance has been large.

The Society, unlike our own, holds a summer meeting, which allows the members to become acquainted with the fruit growing and fruit growers of various parts of the Province. The number of members is small compared with ours—about 100. They have no periodical such as the *Horticulturist*, owing to the fact that such a work would need to be printed in two languages, which would make it too expensive. Thus they have no common medium of exchange of ideas except their two annual meetings. They have not yet our splendid local horticultural societies to increase their membership.

Though thus handicapped, still the Society is doing a splendid work, and is full of enthusiasm. The papers read, and the discussions carried on showed that they were not a whit behind the Ontario Society.

Your representative was most cordially received, and your fraternal greeting warmly reciprocated.

They appointed a committee to consider the resolutions passed at our Whitby meeting re the packing, grading of fruit, and the marking of packages.

They reported favorably, but suggested some variations in the marking of packages.

The sessions were made interesting and profitable by the presence of Prof. Waugh,

of the Vermont Agricultural College, Prof. Macoun and Prof. Fletcher of Ottawa, and Prof. Penhallow of McGill.

Some of the good points made by the speakers are following: 2% of Bordeaux mixture will destroy mustard without injuring the grain. J. C. Chapais has the most northerly orchard in Canada, at St. Denis. He can grow Fameuse, St. Lawrence, and many others; also better cherries than Montreal. The Trabische is his hardiest plum. The white Alpine straw berry bears fruit from June 15th to October 15th. His Alexander apples were the largest sent from Canada to the Paris Exposition. W. Craig, jun., spoke on roadside trees. He would plant our own native trees, and not closely together. He would advise trial planting of walnut trees. Roadside trees raise the price of the land, and provide shelter from winds.

Prof. Penhallow gave a valuable paper on the History of Horticultural Societies in the Province. 1854 saw the formation of the first society at Montreal, and 1875 its revival. Chas. Gibb was the first promoter of fruit culture in the Province.

Mr. Thomas Slack, in his paper on "Intensive Cultivation," advised good seed, good soil and good cultivation. Weeds are the lazy man's friend, because they compel him to cultivate his crop. He finds it profitable to raise lettuce in winter under glass for the Montreal market.

Mr. Brodie, in his paper on "The Culture of Celery," said that he raises the White Plume, and does not plant in trenches. He does not cover the crowns. The pink and red varieties are best in quality. For wintering the dwarf is the best.

Mr. Grindley and Mr. Shepherd, who have had extensive experience in shipping fruit to the British market, gave some valuable in-