

## Ontario Fruit Growers Meet

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opening trashing to the core, thereby involving loss of flesh nearly equal to the normal loss, as well as affording a harbor for injurious insect pests.

The specimens examined by the Ontario Horticultural Association were all well developed, and though fewer than the normal apple, as to size, the specimens sent by us were about equal to our Fameuse or Snow, and their quality and flavor were about equal to the Ben Davis.

We believe that our inspection warrants the advice that the trees of this apple should only be purchased as follows:

Just before the close of the convention the Seedling Apple man was given a hearing. He claimed that the report was based, which is to say the least, shrewd. Nothing could be said that the way the committee went about its work, the fact that the fruit had more the flavor of the Baldwin. He also stated that apples from a later generation of trees did not show any more opening to the cavity than in the ordinary apple. He stated that the function of the core is to protect the seeds, and that when the seeds are gone the core disappears. All of which explanations did not go down with the practical and experienced fruit grower.

## Power Spraying and Other Power

Mr. W. H. Brand, of Jordan Station, Ont., is the champion agent for Wallace Power Sprayers, "Target Brand" Insecticides and Fungicides, Air Pressure Water Systems and Electric Bathing apparatus. At the Toronto Horticultural Exhibition, he proved to be a veritable educator on the uses of compressed air to the Canadian fruit growers and farmers in the shape of spraying machines, and a creature body who does not live where they have a city water system. He had a "Standard" Sprayer there and also original letters from a number of purchasers. The machine certainly possesses the appearance of one capable of giving entire satisfaction, while comments of visitors declare that it is the best they have seen anywhere, works to perfection, maintains abundance of pressure and has paid for itself in one season's use, and that they would buy no other in its class.

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## Bee-Keepers

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association was held in Toronto, November 3. President H. J. Sibbald presided, and in the course of his address made reference to the work of the honey exchange. The exchange had, he said, proved of great assistance to members of the various associations in enabling them to obtain the best prices for their crops, but he considered that its field of operations might still be usefully extended.

In the course of the general discussion, Mr. R. F. Holtsman mentioned that there was an impression among

some dealers that the exchange had endeavored to control the price of honey. Both the president and the secretary denied any such intention. The exchange, he explained, merely advised members as to the market price of honey.

An interesting paper on the production of comb honey by Mr. U. H. Bowen, of Niagara Falls, was afterwards read, and the practical advice given greatly appreciated. A paper on "Wintering Bees" was read by Mr. Wm. Coose, of Streetsville. Backspacing—An Occupation for Women? was the subject of a paper read by Miss Trevorror. She advocated backspacing as a splendid occupation for women, but a woman must be able to lift sixty pounds, or she is seriously handicapped. A resolution was passed to the effect that the words "gross weight" should be put on labels when honey is put up in packages.

The danger of creating food froods when introducing new queens was dealt with by Mr. W. H. Holtsman, inspector of apiculture, and a resolution asking the Government, when passing the Companies Act to place the bee-keepers in regard to the formation of co-operative companies on the same footing as dairymen and fruit growers, was passed.

A change was made in the secretaryship. Mr. Wm. Coose, Streetsville, who has held the position, retired in favor of Mr. W. E. Hodgett, Hamilton, Hamilton, Toronto. This will bring the association in closer touch with the Department of Agriculture. The other officers elected are as follows: President, E. H. Smith, St. Thomas; first vice-president, F. J. Miller, London; second vice-president, Wm. Coose, Streetsville; Treasurer, Martin Engh, Hamilton; Director, Messrs. W. J. Brown, Chard; A. A. Ferrier, Renfrew; M. B. Holmes, Athens; B. Lowey, Cherry Valley; James Steer, Lindsay; J. F. Switzer, Orangeville; James Armstrong, Chippewah; G. G. A. Dumas, Brussels; and Dennis Nolan, Newton-Robinson.

## Flower Growers

The Ontario Horticultural Association was held on November 3. This association and its affiliated branches now have 4,000 members. The officers for 1907 are as follows: Mr. W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines, president.

Major H. J. Snelgrove, Colborne, first vice-president; Mr. R. P. White, Ottawa, second vice-president; Mr. B. Cowan, Toronto, secretary; and Messrs. J. Gilroye, Collingwood; A. Woodruffe, Woodstock; A. Alexander, Hamilton; J. T. Ross, Brantford; W. J. Diamond, Belleville; H. R. Scott, Perth; directors.

## Prince Edward Island

They arrived on October 1 from Pictou, in charge of Ed Saunders, who went over to take charge of the shipment, a carload of cattle from Ontario, bought in the Toronto meat market by Saunders & Newberry, of Pictou. The first animal was unable to procure on the island the kind of fat cattle demanded by their trade, therefore, they have resorted to this experiment. The carload comprises 4 splendid head averaging 1,200 lbs. This news will be gratifying to many of our citizens who are willing to pay a good price for a prime article.

The 22nd meeting of the Cheese Board was held on October 26. All the cheese boarded was sold to Dillon & Spiller, with the exception of Union & Hillsborough, at 12 1/2c.

Mr. I. McDonald, president, invited the board that island cheese this year gave the best satisfaction to buyers of any year since the board had been organized.

Mr. John Richards, of Bonifant, shipped on October 26 six head of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle in Manitoba. They are on breeding stock, and consist of one male and five females. They were a handsome lot, the male is a particularly fine animal. It is said that he is the best of his breed in Canada. This is Mr. Richards' third shipment to Manitoba in the same party. A. R.