

vital question of forestry by making reserves of the public lands wherever possible and encourage private afforestation in every way possible."

The next session was taken up principally with Prof. Macoun's masterly address on horticulture with special application to the condition of our province, and the general discussion which followed, as well as the questions with which it was punctured, proved how practical the gentleman had made himself. In this province we have been planting too close, pruning too scantily, spraying too rarely and not getting rid of objectionable stock by top-grafting or otherwise quickly enough, and, young as we are in the business, we have developed dishonest packing. The professor took up the samples of apples on exhibition and spoke most learnedly on their adaptability to our soil. From his examination of tree, fruit, our soil and climate he would recommend the following apples to be grown here :

Fall and early winter—Wealthy, Alexander, Wolf River, McIntosh Red, Fameuse, Gravenstein.

Winter—Ontario, Baldwin, Stark, Ribston Pippin, Ben Davis.

Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, being present, delivered a very encouraging speech. He had long since convinced himself of the suitability of upland soil for apple culture. Indeed we could grow some varieties better than any place else. He knew that everybody marvelled at the expansion of the cheese industry on the island, and the amount of money it brought into the province. The apple industry would, he verily believed, do better if directed and fostered. He was delighted with the Fruit Growers' Association and the previous discussions he had listened to, and while it appeared that when any question, such as the proper package of fruit or the matter of marking and inspecting packages, came up on the floor of the House of Commons it was the signal for the greatest divergence

and variety of opinion, and it did sometimes appear as if it were next to impossible to have members reach common ground. He would promise to give the weight of his voice and vote every time on the side of the recommendations of the Fruit Growers' Association.

All this was very encouraging and the association, after considerable discussion on these important matters, adopted the following general resolution and named Rev. A. E. Burke, D. P. Irving, M. L. A. and A. A. Moore to carry out its provisions :

"*Resolved*, That a committee from the Fruit Growers' Association correspond with committees from the Nova Scotia and Ontario Fruit Growers' Associations with a view to secure a uniform package in which to pack fruit, and a uniform mark, as well as competent inspection, for its contents."

It was the general opinion that steamship space, properly fitted with cold storage, should be secured for the autumn months, at least for the consignment of fruit to Britain. The shipments made last year, although rolled about and not specially handled, turned out well; this year not much fruit awaits shipment, some Ben Davis from Mr. Bovyer's orchard being the only considerable consignment I know of, and they will take almost any handling. Among those who are giving the question any study there seems to be a very marked preference for the Hanrahan system of cold storage, so successfully employed by the Ontario government, and it is hoped that it will come more generally into use.

The other matter which engaged the attention of the meetings, especially the splendid paper of Mr. John Johnson, on "Some phases of Island Horticulture," although of an entirely local nature, were full of interest and profit for those present, and merited and received their unstinted praise.

The Association elected Mr. Edward Bayfield, who was its first president after incor-