

### Next Dominion Conference

The satisfactory results that have accrued from the Dominion Fruit Conference held in Ottawa, March, 1906, make it probable that the conference promised for 1909 will be of even greater value. Now is the time to start planning for it. Innumerable problems of national importance require a national understanding. Some letters already have been received by THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST pointing out the need for another conference and suggesting subjects for discussion. Others are requested. Send suggestions for publication. The following ones indicate the general trend of opinion on this matter:

Mr. Norman E. Jack, Chateaugay Basin, Que.:—"Another Dominion Fruit Conference should be held soon, as the last one was attended with such good results. Considering the rapid development of the fruit-growing industry in the Dominion it seems to me that every two years is not too often for the holding of such conferences. The results which have followed the proper defining of the grades of apples would warrant similar conferences every two years, as the beneficial results have far overbalanced any expenditure. More could be done in regard to the transportation and refrigeration problems, and if some means could be devised whereby the advantages of the co-operative system could be more widely advocated, it would be a great boon to the fruit interests. It is to be hoped also that at the next conference something will be done to separate the fruit interests from the dairy interests, and that we shall have a Fruit Commissioner appointed who will devote his entire time to the better development of this rapidly growing industry."

Mr. D. Johnson, Forest, Ont.:—"There should be a Dominion Conference of fruit

growers held at Ottawa this winter in order to talk over and come to conclusions on questions affecting the fruit industry of Canada as a whole. Each of the provinces have their annual conventions of growers and the good effect that such meetings have had on the industry no one will deny.—If the Dominion Government is really desirous of meeting the requirements of the people, they surely should take advantage of such opportunities to get in touch with them and to legislate to promote their interest. The transportation and marketing of fruit are two questions which could well be discussed with great profit. Freight despatch is so slow and uncertain that it is impossible to ship tender fruit in that way to distant points and express rates are so high that it is equally impossible to ship beyond a certain radius. Thus it will be seen that the growers are unable to ship their fruit beyond a certain point and the consumer must do without, simply because the transportation facilities are so bad. Markets are also required and, if such are found, nearly everything else will right itself in the efforts to reach it. Many other questions could be discussed and worked out with great value to the country as a whole, if the Government would do as it should and hold a Dominion Conference this winter."

The Dominion Government commissioned Dr. Jas. Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, to make an inspection last month of the orchards on Indian reservations in British Columbia.

A well-prepared circular describing the Herbert raspberry has been issued by the Ottawa Nurseries, 253 Bell St., Ottawa. It gives the experience of a number of leading growers and of experiment stations with this excellent variety. Write for a copy.

### Codling Moth Preventive

A preventive of the codling moth, which is as troublesome to apple growers in Australia as it is in Canada, is reported as the result of experiments made for some time in the vicinity of Sydney, reports Mr. J. S. Larke, Canadian Trade Commissioner for Australasia. Small bunches of herbs, thyme and pennyroyal, are fastened securely around the stem of each apple tree. Over this is placed a close rain-proof bandage to protect the herbs from rain. This is said to be a perfect protection. The moth crawls up the tree until it reaches the herbs and then returns to the ground where it is destroyed by ants.

It is claimed that trees protected in this way had perfect fruit, while others not treated were worthless. The advantage over the commonly used system of bandages is that there is no necessity for frequent visits to the bandages and destruction of the moths.

### Blueberries in Nova Scotia

R. J. Messenger, Bridgetown

One uncultivated fruit, in which considerable business is done in Nova Scotia, is the blueberry. From the western end of the province in particular, large quantities are shipped yearly to Boston.

Raw, stewed, pied, puddinged—in any shape or form of edibility, the blueberry is delightful. If time and space would permit I would write columns in eulogy of this dear little fruit.

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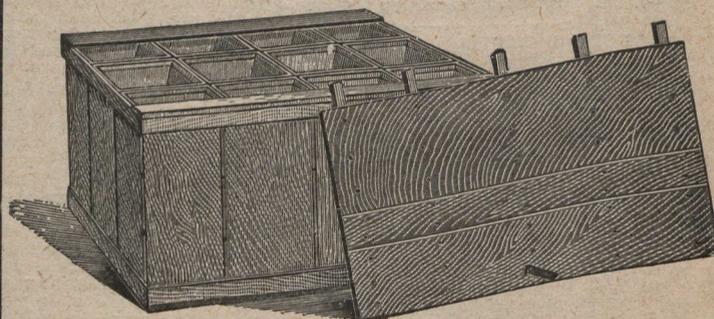
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