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increased. An increase in the powers of the Railway Commission in order that they may settle the vexed question of claims, which must now be settled by costly court procedure, was another important recommendation by this speaker.

#### SAN JOSE SCALE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Dr. G. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, traced the recent outbreak of San Jose Scale in Nova Scotia to Ontario nursery stock. Living scale was found on one hundred and twenty-seven properties on the 1912 stock alone. In every case the stock had been purchased from Ontario nurserymen. Stock imported from United States and fumigated by the Dominion authorities was all free from the disease. As a result of the outbreak the provincial government of that province has passed an order that all imported stock be accompanied by a certificate of inspection and that stock imported from any other part of Canada must be fumigated after it reached Nova Scotia at two points named.

Mr. Morris, representing the nurserymen, asked if the Dominion Government could not prevail upon the Nova Scotia people to accept fumigation by Dominion officials at Ontario nurseries, thus doing away with the necessity of a second fumigation in Nova Scotia. He also pointed out that of

one hundred and fifty-seven thousand trees shipped to Nova Scotia only six hundred and ninety-three had been infested. Mr. P. W. Hodgetts intimated that a result of the Nova Scotia disclosures would be a closer supervision of the nursery stock sold in Ontario.

The Thursday morning session was conducted in the Horticultural Building at the Fair. Mr. P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Instructor, defined a number one apple and by means of specimens told the growers how to select the different grades. Prof. J. W. Crow gave an address on "What Fruit Shall the Ontario Shipper Put Into Boxes?" As the market is at present this package is only adaptable to number one fruit, and that of the best varieties. If lower grades are boxed the reputation of the box as a container of first-class apples suffers. He recommended Kings, Spies, Spitzenburgs, Snows, and McIntosh for box packing.

#### SPLENDID RETURNS FROM FERTILIZER

"Fertilizers for the Orchard" was dealt with authoritatively by J. P. Stewart, Experimental Pomologist, at the Pennsylvania State College. His deductions were based on six years of work in ten experiments located in the leading apple sections of Pennsylvania and involving ten different

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