

King, also, can be grown only by top-grafting. It is a shy bearer. Rhode Island Greening and Fallawater are desirable. The Ontario is not as popular as it was a few years ago, even when top-grafted. I would advise a few Stark and Peewaukee, also. Consumers discriminate against Ben Davis and Gano. Personally, I would rather be without any other variety than Talman Sweet. It is excellent for baking and dessert. Blenheim Pippin, too, is desirable for foreign shipment.

"Everything considered, for this district, a man who goes in for apple-growing can make no mistake by having close to 90 per cent. Northern Spies and a few each of other varieties mentioned as being suited to Simcoe County. The advantage of top-grafting, particularly with Spies, is that fruit can be had earlier than from its own tree."

Officers Ontario Fruit-growers' Association.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Fruit-growers' Association, held last week in Toronto, officers were elected as follows: President, E. D. Smith, of Winona; Vice-President, Jas. E. Johnson, of Simcoe; Secretary-Treasurer, P. W. Hodgetts, B.S.A., of Toronto. Representatives to fair boards: Toronto—W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines, and P. W. Hodgetts. London—D. Johnson, of Forest, and C. W. Gurney, of Paris. Ottawa—Harold Jones, of Maitland, and R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa. Committees: Co-operative—Jas. E. Johnson; E. Lick, of Oshawa; R. Thompson, of St. Catharines; C. L. Stephens, of Orillia; A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, and D. Johnson. New Fruits—Prof. H. L. Hutt and J. W. Crow, B. S. A., of Ontario Agricultural College; W. T. Macoun, C. E. F., Ottawa, and H. S. Peart, B. S. A., Jordan Harbor. Transportation—W. H. Bunting; J. L. Hamilton, of Clarkson; R. W. Grier, of Oshawa; E. D. Smith; R. J. Graham, of Belleville; W. Randall, of Grimsby; J. L. Hilborn, of Leamington, and J. E. Johnson. Historical—A. McNeill, of Ottawa; A. M. Smith, of Port Huron; L. Woolverton, of Grimsby; Harold Jones; W. T. Macoun, and W. Dempsey, of Trenton. Fruit Show—W. H. Bunting; E. Lick, D. Johnson; P. W. Hodgetts.

The American Pomological Society has accepted the invitation of the Ontario Fruit-growers' Association to hold their biennial meeting in St. Catharines in September, 1909. It is proposed to entertain them by running excursions through the Niagara peninsula. The Niagara District Horticultural Exhibition will be held in conjunction. Representatives are expected from every State and Province on the continent, and the big week should prove to be one of the best advertisements Ontario's fruit interests have received. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements: The Executive, along with A. W. Peart, of Burlington; R. B. Whyte; Geo. Robertson, of St. Catharines, and Prof. H. L. Hutt.

Transportation matters were discussed, and it was decided to meet the Railway Commission on Friday, January 15th, to discuss express rates, service and equipment.

The Inspection and Sales Act was discussed, and it was decided to ask the Dominion Minister of Agriculture to appoint three county inspectors during the coming shipping season as an experiment.

Legislation will be asked for from the Ontario Legislature in reference to placing the disease known as "little peach" under the "Yellow" and "Black" Act; also, to enforce spraying for

codling moth in municipalities where 25 ratepayers petition for the same.

The Dominion Government also will be asked to pass legislation covering commercial fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides, so that there will be some guarantee as to the value of these requisites.

The year 1909 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. A special effort will be put forth to make the annual meeting and exhibition the best in the history of the association. A number of counties intend to put up displays similar to that of Norfolk Association last November.

Fallawater Apples

Among the varieties of apples not well known throughout Canada, and yet common in some localities, is Fallawater, a large, greenish apple, with whitish dots and a brownish-red cheek—an apple generally even in size, and of fine appearance. Were it not for the fact that it is not uniformly productive, it would be a popular variety. The trees seem to bear only every second season. Both for home and foreign market, it is highly satisfactory, being fine-grained, firm, mild-acid in flavor, and moderately juicy. In keeping quality, it is about equal to Rhode Island Green-



A Bough of Fallawater Apples.

Photo taken near Chipman's Corners, Nova Scotia.

ing, having season January to March. The tree is a vigorous grower. The variety was originated in Pennsylvania. In Nova Scotia it is becoming popular in some districts. The accompanying illustration gives some idea of its productiveness under favorable conditions.

THE FARM BULLETIN

Fruit-growers and Express Companies.

Leading fruit-growers of Ontario, to the number of twenty-five, met the Railway Commission in Toronto last week, and presented a strong case in their efforts to have rates on express shipments lowered and greater care exercised in the transportation of the fruit. After hearing the evidence, Chairman Mabey advised the express companies to get into immediate conference with the fruit men, and endeavor to arrange a satisfactory basis of rates and reasonable facilities for the handling of the perishable product. This would end the commission in disposing of the case without undue delay when they again took up the question in March.

In introducing the case, W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines, referred to losses during transportation and the difficulty in having express rates reduced. It was pointed

out that years ago fruit packages were returned free, now this was not the case, but the charges were no less. In some cases there was an increase. Fruit-growers deliver fruit to the cars, and generally load it, and commission merchants unload and deliver. This should warrant a lower rate than was charged for express that was collected and delivered. On being asked about inferior baskets, Mr. Bunting said they were now as strong as the average for a number of years.

E. D. Smith stated that the rapid increase in business should demand a decrease in express rates. It was necessary to ship by express to the Western Provinces, but there was no profit unless during seasons when there was a large crop. Express companies should pay for damage due to delay in transportation. When express rates were paid the fruit should go on schedule time, or the shipper be entitled to damages.

A scale of rates, according to distance carried, was presented by A. E. Kimmins, of Winona. Instances of inconsistency were referred to. For short runs now the minimum charge was 35 cents per hundred. It should be cut down at least 5 cents. Robert Thompson, of St. Catharines, gave evidence on the rough handling of baskets and the pilfering that prevailed. D. Johnson, of Forest, pointed out inequalities of rates between Forest and Winnipeg and Winona and Winnipeg. T. H. P. Carpenter, of Winona, said that freight cars were used to carry fruit by express, resulting in the packages being shaken to pieces and the fruit damaged. Jas. E. Johnson, of Simcoe, gave figures to show that the prevailing rates from Simcoe to other points were not fair when compared with charges from points in the Niagara district. It was pointed out, also, that his experience in the fruit business in the United States proved that the fruit was handled carefully, because the men knew they would lose their jobs if they caused any damage. The express companies had to pay for injury incurred during transport.

Other members of the deputation included J. W. Smith and Murray Pettit, of Winona; A. W. Peart, of Burlington, and J. L. Hilborn, of Leamington.

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Forthcoming Events.

- Feb. 1st, 2 p. m.—Annual meeting, Dominion Cattle-breeders' Association, Temple Building, Toronto.
- Feb. 2nd, 7 p. m.—Annual meeting, Ontario Large Yorkshire Swine Breeders' Association, Palmer House, Toronto.
- Feb. 2nd.—Annual meeting, Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, in Toronto.
- Feb. 3rd, 9:30 a. m.—Annual meeting, Dominion Swine-breeders' Association, Temple Building, Toronto.
- Feb. 3rd, 1:30 p. m.—Annual meeting, Ontario Berkshire Society, Palmer House, Toronto.
- Feb. 4th.—Annual meeting of Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, Walker House, Toronto.
- Feb. 4th.—Canadian Holstein Breeders' annual meeting, 9 a. m., in Association Hall, corner Yonge and McGill Streets, Toronto.
- Feb. 4th and 5th.—Annual convention of Canadian Seed-growers' Association in Ottawa.
- Feb. 5th, 9:30 a. m.—Annual meeting, Ontario Sheep-breeders' Association, Temple Building, Toronto.
- Feb. 5th, 1:30 p. m.—Annual meeting, Dominion Sheep-breeders' Association, Temple Building, Toronto.
- Feb. 10th and 11th.—Ontario Fairs Association, City Hall, Toronto.

It is reported from Ottawa that there will be no grant for a Dominion Exhibition this year. Regina will set a grant in 1910, and it is understood that it will be available for some New Brunswick exhibition in 1911.