

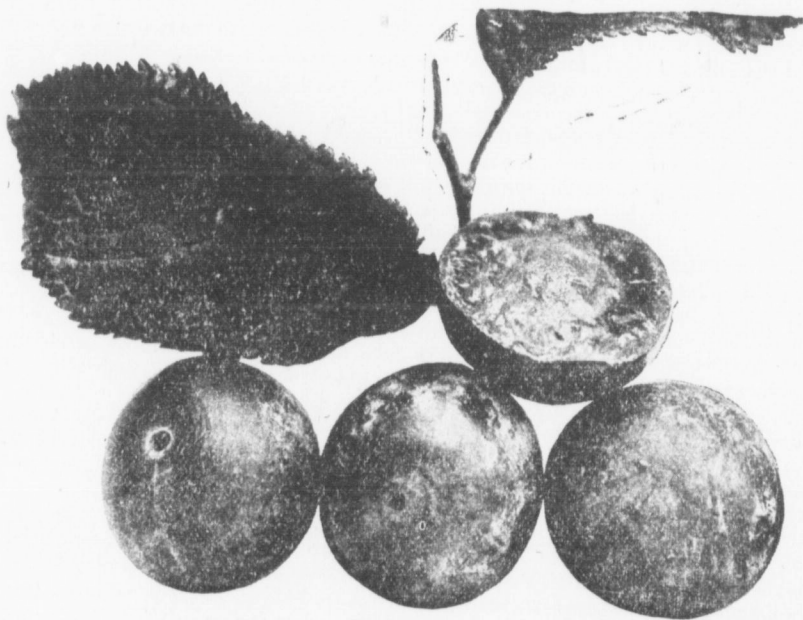
SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at ten o'clock a.m.

President PETTIT expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. Brantford being in one of the best fruit-growing sections in Canada, a large meeting was expected. The programme this year has been so arranged that the audience would occasionally be asked what subjects they would like to have brought forward, in order that every subject that it is wished to be discussed may be dealt with, and if time does not permit discussing every subject, the subjects least interesting will thus be left out. All persons present are invited to take part in the discussions.

NATIVE PLUMS.

Prof. JOHN CRAIG, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in introducing his paper, said his remarks might not be of great interest to fruit growers in this immediate vicinity, because at present the quality of the native plum may not commend itself to places such as Brantford, where plums can be finely grown; but there is a great future for the native plum in our colder and northern districts. The following remarks are based on our experience at Ottawa for the past five or six years.



Hawkeye.

Up to the present very little attention has been given in Canada to the cultivation and improvement of our native plums. Few lines in horticulture offer greater inducements. Comparatively little has been accomplished in the United States by systematic effort, yet since the introduction of the wild goose plum, about forty years ago, more than 150 varieties have been named and disseminated. This remarkable growth and increase in number of varieties is only surpassed by the marvellous progress made in the development of the American grape. The value of the American plum has not yet been recog-

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