

once secure the cooperation of all heads of schools of the Educational Department at Quebec.

This is only a recommendation, and it will, of course, remain with the new Board, to decide whether the suggestions are to be carried out.

Probably all persons have observed the collection of fruits which has been on exhibition in the windows of the Ichi Ban warehouse on St. James Street. This collection has been gathered by the Society, to be exhibited by the Dominion Government at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London. A grant of \$150 has been made the Society by the Department of Agriculture in Ottawa, in aid of the work. Owing, however, to the lateness at which the work was placed in the Society's hands, the collection is not so fully representative, or as large as might have been made. Not having the jars on the spot when the fruit came in, has also materially reduced the size of the exhibit, several varieties of fruit having rotted while waiting. Special agents were employed by the Society to visit growers, and procure what was possible. Very many, however, it was found, had disposed of their fruit, and much of what was obtained was taken out of barrels, and was, of course, not in as good order as if it had been selected while still growing on the tree. Mr. Wm. Saunders, of London, has charge of the collection of fruit to be sent from the Province of Ontario, and is following a similar process in preserving it, to that used by this Society. The formula has been furnished by the Department of Agriculture; and if not furnished the Department by Mr. Saunders, from letters received from him, it would seem as if it had at least been based on the results of his experiments. The fruit was dipped in paraffine in the first place, to give it a thin, transparent coating; and was then placed in jars, which were afterwards filled with a solution of salicylic acid, alcohol, and water. The object of paraffining was to endeavor to preserve the color from the action of the alcohol.

It will be indeed a most desirable thing if the fruit can be forwarded to London and exhibited in the condition in which it now is. The whole process, however, from the tenor of Mr. Saunders' letter, would seem to be experimental and may or may not be successful. The Board of Management of the Society were, however, greatly impressed with the importance of a good fruit exhibit; and the preparation has been personally looked after by Mr. Charles Gibb, Professor Penhallow, Mr. Robert Hamilton, and myself more particularly. Every effort was made to have the fruit as representative as possible, and among the contributors are Mrs. Caverhill, Miss Orkney, R. W. Shepherd, jr., James Drummond, Wm. Pressiau, B. Aubertin, Joseph Brown, John Doyle, Henry S. Evans, H. Montagu Allan, F. Rupert, D. Rutherford, Jas. W. Newman, John Smith, M. Maillet, J. B. Goode, and G.