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THE HAMILTON SHOW.

The Hamilton Horticultural Exhibition, for a first effort, was a success, but it can be greatly improved another year. In spite of the best efforts of those in charge, the fact remains that the bulk of the fruit and vegetable growers of the Niagara district did not realize that the show was established for their benefit and that they were expected to take a prominent part in its management. Should the Ontario Department of Agriculture decide to continue the show another year a committee which will represent all the horticultural interests of the Niagara district ought to be selected to have charge of it.

This committee should start work early in the season and should be composed of one or more representatives of each of the horticultural societies, of the Ontario, Niagara district and Burlington fruit growers' associations, of each of the several vegetable growers' associations, and possibly one or two members of the Hamilton City Council. Much of the success of the Canadian National Exhibition has been due to the work of the members of the Toronto City Council. Sub-committees could be appointed

for fruit, for flowers, and for vegetables, and to these committees would have to be left largely the making of all arrangements connected with these departments of the exhibition.

It would be well, for convenience of management, to have the president and secretary located in Hamilton. For these positions it would be difficult to secure two better men than Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Dickson, the president and secretary of this year's exhibition, as the success of this year's show was due in a large measure to their faithful, efficient work. Small local committees could have charge of the details of management. If this exhibition is to fulfill the objects for which it was started the best men the Niagara district can produce should be on the committee of management.

THE DOMINION CONFERENCE.

The conference of fruit growers from the different provinces of Canada, which the Dominion Department of Agriculture is arranging to hold next winter, will be the most important gathering of fruit growers ever held in Canada. Such a meeting has long been needed. Each province has difficulties of its own which its growers will have to grapple with by themselves, but there are larger questions which affect all the provinces, and their proper consideration can only be secured through a conference of growers from each province.

One of the most important subjects that can be dealt with is the advisability of forming a permanent body, representative of the fruit growers in the different provinces, which could meet annually or at least once every two years. Such a body, owing to the expense of attending its meetings, would have to be small. It might be constituted of the presidents of each of the provincial associations, and could meet in turn in the different provinces at the time of the holding of their provincial convention, but separately.

The associations could hardly use a portion of their funds to better advantage than in sending delegates to such meetings. In this way it would be possible for fruit growers to have a direct say in all matters of Dominion legislation relating to their interests. The honor of representing a provincial association at one of these conferences would be highly prized and would add to the interest taken in the work of the provincial organizations. A determined effort on the part of fruit growers will easily result in the formation of such a body.

The advance of the times is forcing vegetable growers, as well as growers in other lines of work, to devote more attention to improving their methods. Varieties of vegetables and practices which proved profitable a few years ago are no longer so, and the growers who realize this first and are the quickest to grasp the demands of the situation will reap the largest returns. The recently formed vegetable growers' association has already done much to