

QUEBEC FRUIT GROWERS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

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THE twelfth annual winter meeting of the Quebec Pomological and Fruit Growing Society, from the point of value, was one of the most successful in the history of the society. The meetings took place December 14 and 15 at Ayer's Cliff, Que. The speakers had been carefully chosen and were men well qualified to deal with the topics under discussion. Their addresses were selected with careful consideration to their special value to the Quebec fruit grower and farmer.

It is to be regretted that a larger number of the farmers around Ayer's Cliff did not avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to receive information on fruit growing. Those who did attend could not but appreciate the effort made to make the meetings both beneficial and entertaining.

Owing to press of business, Mr. Norman E. Jack, president of the society, was not able to attend, but the able vice-president, Mr. Fisk, of Abbotsford, warmly welcomed everybody to the meetings. A valuable paper on Cauliflowers and How to Grow Them, was given by Mr. R. Brodie, of Westmount, Que. This paper is published in full in this issue of *The Horticulturist*.

Mr. W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, followed with an exhaustive and valuable paper on the cultivation of potatoes. An extract from this paper is also published in this issue of *The Horticulturist*. The discussion brought out the fact that early and frequent spraying with Bordeaux mixture and paris green easily doubles the crop and that the perfect beetle and hard shelled bug does not do much if any damage. If the larvae or slug is killed when young the crop will not be injured.

Prof. G. Reynaud, Horticulturist, La Trappe, Que., spoke in French on some causes of unsuccessful fruit culture. His remarks were listened to with a great deal

of interest by those familiar with the language.

A practical address on fruit growing in connection with general farming was given by Mr. Harold Jones, of Maitland, Ont., whose remarks caught the attention of the meeting and led to a lively and interesting discussion. This address will appear in the February issue of *The Horticulturist*.

Prof. Waugh, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass, as is always the case, was the life of the meeting. He gave a valuable talk on dwarf trees, their uses, propagation and management. The pleasure and profit that may be derived by growing apples and pears in large quantities on small areas was clearly shown. The quality of the fruit is superior to that grown on standard trees of the same variety. Dwarf trees come into bearing at from one to three years after grafting, which makes them valuable to plant between standards while waiting for these trees to come into bearing.

AN EXHIBIT OF FRUIT.

On the fruit tables were shown about 80 plates of apples. It was a surprise to the visitors from Ontario to see such fine samples and also to see such varieties as King, Spy and Ben Davis grown to perfection. Mr. Fisk, of Abbotsford, exhibited 10 plates, among which were very fine samples of Lawver, Ben Davis and Fameuse. Mr. J. B. Edwards, of Huntington, had 15 plates, which won him much credit, his Wolf River, Spy, King and Johnathan deserving special notice. Six plates, with some very fine specimens of Kings, were shown by Mr. Brodie.

Other exhibitors were Messrs. Asa Johnston, 16 plates, including fine specimens of Bethel, Spy, Baxter, Edghill and Fameuse; Wm. Craig, winter sweet crabs and some fine cranberries; and Mr. Rowell, 15 plates of fine Wealthy, Wolf River and Nodhead.