



Mr. D. Johnson, Dominion Fruit Commissioner

Mr. Johnson presided at all the sessions of the recent Fruit Conference at Grimsby, Ont. which is fully reported in this issue.

other than stamped forms on and after January 1st, 1915."

"That we would recommend that the Dominion Fruit Commissioner make inquiries with a view to selecting a standard box for domestic use."

EXPORT PACKAGES

"Whereas, certain countries require, either by law or custom, that fruit imported be contained in packages of a fixed size, thereby preventing our exporting in packages other than those they demand: Be it therefore resolved, That we respectfully ask our Government to legalize exporting in such packages as meet the requirements of the countries with whom we wish to trade."

PACKAGES FOR HOME USE

"Resolved, that we respectfully petition our Government that such legal requirements as to size or capacity of fruit packages for Canadian fruit shall apply equally and as rigidly to fruit imported into Canada."

Note.—This resolution does not apply to boxes or barrels.

MARKING OF IMPORTED FRUIT

"Resolved, That we endorse the following resolution passed by and forwarded by the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association as follows: Whereas, the amendments to the Inspection and Sale Act recently passed require that all shipments of imported apples should be marked in accordance with the amendments of the Inspection and Sale Act, part 9, and that other marks inconsistent with the marks specified by the Act shall be erased: And whereas the designation

'C' is allowed by the Inspectors to be retained on boxes marked by the importers 'No. 2,' such apples subsequently being sold as 'C,' which is recognized as equivalent to 'choice.' Be it therefore resolved, That we respectfully request the Honourable the Federal Minister of Agriculture to take such steps as are necessary to have this mark, and all marks on imported fruit inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, removed by the importer at point of destination."

SHOULD FILL PACKAGES

"That all fruit packages, including berry boxes, shall be well and properly filled, and in cases where there is evidence of under-filling inspectors shall have the right to weigh or measure fruit in such packages to find out if there is violation, and prosecutions shall follow at the discretion of the Department."

"That this conference respectfully asks the Government to consider the transportation conditions in Canada with a view to having the shipping difficulties with which fruit shippers have to contend removed."

CARGO INSPECTORS

"Inasmuch as a cargo inspector is appointed by the Government, and he apparently has no duties outlined and is practically without authority we would recommend that legislation be enacted giving him authority to protect the unloading, transfer, and packing of our fruit at all terminal points."

FOREIGN MARKETS

"That the Department of Agriculture should take the necessary steps to keep Canadian growers in closer touch with the importers of fruit, if necessary by the appointment of special commissioners in Great Britain, Europe, South America, Australia, and South Africa; and that the Department should set aside a sum of money for trial shipments on a commercial scale for the development of additional markets."

THE LATE ALEXANDER McNEILL,

"Resolved, That this fourth Dominion Conference desires to express its appreciation of the admirable services rendered the fruit growers of Canada by the late Alexander McNeill, chief of the Fruit Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, whose unselfish, untiring and capable administration of his office it is desired to record.

"Among other important matters relating to the fruit industry, Mr. McNeill strongly and continuously advocated cooperation among fruit growers in Canada, and did much, both in his addresses and by his reports and bulletins, to bring before Canadians the great advantage of cooperative methods; and it is particularly desired in this resolution to emphasize this phase of his work and

the service he rendered for so many years.

"Owing to Mr. McNeill's attractive personality, his unselfishness, his geniality, and his unbounded enthusiasm for horticulture, he made many friends; and his death late last year has been a great loss to those who knew, admired and loved him; and as most of the members of this conference knew him well, it is hereby resolved that they record in the minutes of this conference the deep sense of their loss.

"It is further desired and resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. McNeill's daughters, that they may know that though their father is no longer with us he is not forgotten by his many friends."

Several other somewhat formal resolutions were passed. These included one thanking those who assisted in arranging a motor trip given the delegates to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls; thanking the speakers, and thanking the Government for having arranged the conference.

The Exhibition of Fruits

Prof. T. G. Bunting, Macdonald College, Que., President Quebec Province Fruit Growers' Association

The handling, packing and transportation of fruit intended for exhibition purposes should be carefully supervised. Fruits at their best are mature or nearly so and in this condition are very easily damaged, or decay may quickly set in. As little handling as possible should be given in order to avoid bruises. In picking secure plenty of the desired type of fruit which should be immediately taken to some place under cover, where a more careful selection can be made. The specimens so selected should be carefully wrapped and packed away until required for the exhibition. This will lessen the amount of decay that is apt to occur.

The exhibition of fruits is exceedingly interesting and fascinating, so much so that one can scarcely refrain from taking part when once enthused, and the returns are not so much in money as in the pleasure and training obtained. A knowledge of varieties is a splendid thing to have, and few have it for any considerable number of varieties, largely because of lack of opportunity. Exhibiting gives this opportunity, to see and study the varieties of others as well as one's own. It also affords a splendid training to those who may aspire to qualify as judges. There is room for many more exhibitors than we now have, and with the development and improvement of our exhibitions there will be a corresponding development and improvement of the fruit interests of Canada.