

ORCHARD MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY DOMINION FRUIT INSPECTORS.

THE FRUIT DIVISION of the Dominion Department of Agriculture is co-operating with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture in the holding of practical orchard meetings to demonstrate such subjects as pruning, grafting and spraying. In Ontario, these meetings have been held under the auspices of the Farmers' Institutes. Messrs. McNeill, Lick and Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspectors, each accompanied a delegation of speakers at a series of meetings lasting about three weeks. These were held in the orchards and, as stated, consisted chiefly of practical demonstration in orchard management. The farmers, who attended in goodly numbers, also took part freely in the discussions which ensued; these were usually continued at evening meetings held in a local hall. In many cases local fruit growers' associations were formed with the object of meeting regularly during the season and carrying on similar work amongst themselves.

A series of orchard meetings has just been arranged for certain counties in Quebec. The Quebec Department of Agriculture will co-operate with this department, and furnish a speaker on the delegation. The representatives of the Dominion Fruit Division are Inspectors Scriver and Dery, of Hemmingford and Montreal respectively. These meetings begin on the 20th of April and will last nearly the end of May. A similar series has been organized in conjunction with the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, extending through the same period. At these meetings, Inspector McNeill of Walkerville, Ont., and Inspector Vroon of Middleton, N. S., will be the speakers representing the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

A NEW AND VALUABLE RASPBERRY.

R. B. Whyte, a director of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, some time since developed a raspberry which has been spoken of most highly by those who have tested its quality. The origin of the raspberry was peculiar. Some years ago Mr. Whyte kept chickens, and amongst other refuse given them was some raspberries. Finding that his chickens inter-

fered with garden work, he killed them off and pulled down the hen house. Where the hen house had stood there grew thirty raspberry vines, started from the seeds in the berries which had been thrown to the chickens. These were such hardy, vigorous plants that the owner transplanted them and kept them well cultivated. Of the thirty vines one of them, the Herbert, by name, proved of special value, and this was kept, whilst the rest were destroyed. This was the origin of the new raspberry which Mr. Whyte has recently sold to a nursery for \$450.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS.

According to press notices of the World's Fair, St. Louis, sent out by Mr. F. W. Taylor, there will be twice the space devoted to fruit at St. Louis that has been given it at any previous World's Fair. All states, societies and individuals are urged to begin at once to make preparations for an exhibit that shall surpass anything ever yet attempted. We trust that Canada will be creditably represented.

THE AMERICAN PARK and Out Door Art Association will this year hold its annual convention in Buffalo, N. Y., on July 7-9. One day will be spent in the beautiful park reservations about Niagara Falls. Special Sessions will be devoted to School Gardens and Park Interests.

THE INDUSTRIAL FAIR will this year be made a Dominion exhibition, and will no doubt be the best fair ever held in Canada. With the new main building completed, and the other buildings renovated; and with the prospect of a liberal grant from the Dominion and of special grants from the Province of Ontario, there is no reason why it should not surpass the most sanguine expectations. The Experimental Station exhibit of fruits will attract more attention than ever because of the great number of new varieties of fruits now in bearing, concerning which planters will want information before purchasing.

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AUSTRALIAN APPLES.

An important factor in the future of our long keeping varieties of apples, like the Baldwin and Ben Davis, is the shipments of Tasmania and Australian apples. These shipments have been increasing from year to year, and the New York Fruit Trade Journal has received definite advices of shipments amounting during the season of 1902 to 307,400 (Denis & Sons makes the shipment 415,000) cases to London and Liverpool. The first of these shipments

will reach London about March 30th, and there will be regular arrivals until June 15th, when the season closes.

Ottawa.

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