Instructive Addresses Given

The 58th annual meeting of the Nov Scotia Fruit Growers' Association was held at Bridgetown last week, and war

The opening session was held Tuesday g, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. "Underwood, of Bridgetown. The vice president, G. H. Vroom, presided owing to the absence of the president, M. K. Ells, in Florida. An address of come was delivered by Mayor Warren, and replied to on behalf of the association by A. E., McMahon, General Manager of the United Fruit Company. The presi-dent's address was read by the Chairman.

Professor John M. Truman, of the N. S. Agricultural College, spoke on the subect of home grown crops, and dwelt on

at length on the value of the silo.

He was followed by Professor Brittain, who explained the habits and life history

Wednesday morning's session opened at 9.30 and the greater portion of the morning was occupied listening to the address of Mr. B. Leslie Emslie, consulting Ag-riculturist Commissioner, the subject of his address being fertiliser in the crchard. The audience li: tened with much interest, as was shown by the many questions that were asked him, all of which were gladly

The next speaker was Mr. W. O. Creighton, of East River, Pictou County, his subject being strawberry culture. It was very much regretted that this could not have been taken up earlier in the morning. The subject is an interesting one to Nova Scotia fruit growers, and especially to those residing in the Annapolis Valley, The morning session closed at 12.30.

and visitors attending the meeting accept ed an invitation to the warehouse of the Banner Fruit Company, which is located near the Dominion Atlantic Railway Station, and there witnessed an exhibition of dusting machines, and dusting, the same as is now recommended by many as the proper way of dusting young and old

The regular sersion opened in the Prim rose Theatre at 2.30, with Vice-President Vroom in the chair. The first speaker wa W. T. Macoun, of Ottawa, who spoke or horticulture in the West. He gave a sple did description of the raising of small fruits as well as apples. There is probably no place in Canada as well adapted for ng large strawberries as the Gordo Head farms at Victoria, B. C. The fruit is not as good as that raised in Nova Scotia, but it grows larger and presents a Very attractive appearance when marketed. He also gave information concerning the growing and marketing of British Columbia and Ontario apples.

The next speaker was J. A. Ruddock, of Ottawa, on the pre-cooling of fall apples before shipping, or in other words, th, advisability of establishing cold storage plants for this purpose. Prof. M. Cumning, of Truro, spoke on the same subject. He advocated the cooling of our present warehouses by some such means as fane, Or some inexpensive appliances until the fruit growers became more familiar with the subject. He was followed by A. E. McMahon, manager of the United Fruit Companies, Kentville. He was very familiar with this subject, having at one time decided to put in one or more large cold storage plants, especially for the pre-cooling of Gravensteins and other early varieties before shipping, but after going to the matter more fully his compan that such plants would be too expensive in return for the work they would accomplish.

The next speaker was Mr. G. H. Vroom, who talked on the same subject, and also referred to the packing and handling of apples, and advocated that more care be taken from the time they left the orchard until they reached the English market

The last speaker at the afternoon session was Prof. W. S. Blair, Manager of the Experimental Farm at Kentville, who has just returned from a trip to England. He was asked to speak on subjects of interest learned in the English market. He also referred to the matter of pre-cooling the shipments, and advocated that we use our night air, showing to the audience the vast difference between the temperature at night from the middle of September to night from the history also the difference in first of October, also the difference in Nov October and the lesser difference in November. He said condiserable benefit would arise from storing cur apples in open ventilated sheds instead of warm. reached the English market, as a whole in a much better condition than he expect ed to find them. The large shipments o boxed fruit from British Columbia and Ontario have now been consumed, which Ontario have now been consumed, which leaves a good open market for present unipments, but seked what have we now to send. The present varieties going forward are all right when they are not in for strong a competition with other apples. He said that what we should have is an apple as firm at the Ben Davis and of the quality of the Spy. Mr. Macoun, at Others

RUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION tawa, had made some good experiments at Annapolis Royal, has seen in to over a Resolved that a vote of thanks be exalong these lines, but the success which his connection with that department his had met in Ontario and Quebec, would not apply to Nova Scotia, as the same variety of apples growing in the Maritime the truit growers of Nova Scotia, firmness as those grown in the inland Provinces, this to be understood to refer only eriments made at Ottawa along

Prof. Blair said that the transportation ompamies had greatly improved in the ner in which they handled our fruit and would not keep inefficient men in their employ twenty minutes whom they had formerly employed for years. He also said that the men employed by the transportation companies were in many cases taking better care of our fruit than those who were working in some of the warehouse He would not say that it was carelessness, perhaps thoughtfulness, but a fruit grower

in the audience said cussedn The evening meeting was also largely the importance of the hay crop to all those interested in mix d farming. He referred to experiments on the growing of alfalfa and sweet clover in Nova Scotia and talked at length on the value of the silo.

He arm followed by Professor Brittein in the Value of the silo. in the United States. The Subject of this address was "Recent Results from Dust of the latest apple enemy, the apple sucker. Spraying," Many questions were asked, and suggested methods of combating thir lall of which were replied to by Mr. Kelsall, pe t. He showed interesting slides in ill- of the Annapolis Station. C. W. Baxter ustrating his observations and theories. gave an illustrated address, showing many interesting views or apple and small fruit culture.

W. A. Maccun, of O'tawa, also spoke on the 'Growing and Marketing of Cer-tified Seed Potatoes.''

Wednesday morning's session, which opened at 9.30 o'clock, was devoted to siness. The following resolutions were moved, seconded and passed, some with-out discussion, while others called forth nany remarks:

Whereas, varieties of fruit grown in

Nova Scotia, while of excellent quality, are lacking in uniformity in color due to the maritime situation; and, wheras, this difficulty could be overcome in the devel-opment of new sorts of Nova Scotia origin having better color; and, whereas, this work could be carried on at the Experimental Station, Kentville, by the empley After luncheon and before the opening imental Station, Kentville, by the employ of the afternoon's session, the delegates ment of a trained man to take up this

Therefore Resolved, that this Convention of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers, assembled, petition the Federal Department of Agriculture to have such a division established for the purpose of developing assembled ask the Federal Department of new sorts of apples suitable to our condinew sorts of apples suitable to our condi-tions, particularly with reference to late eping varieties.

ting his departure, we wish him all success in the new field he has chosen, at the sa time assuring him that the latch string of our hearts will always be open to we his return.

Whereas owing to a continuous clos season during the past three years, par-tridge have become so plentiful as to cause serious loss to many of the fruit growers in the Valley, therefore Resolved we petition the government not to p a continued close reason on partridge cov ng a number of years.

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the passing away of our esteer fellow horticulturits, Col. Shippy Sp Through his death we lose one of our n valued members and one who undevoted himself to all matters ing to the advancement of our as fruit growers. Possessing as he did e cellent judgment his counsel was sou in all questions touching the welfare this Association and his ready response and willingness to give of his kn gained from years of experience, has in r small way aided in the material advance ment of fruit growing in Nova Scotia.

We therefore wish to record our estee or our departed member and to convey to his family an expression of our deep sym

pathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved that the convention of the N. S. F. G. A., held at Bridgetown in Jan uary, 1922, do petition the Hon., Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, and the Hon. the Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia at Halifax, to make provision for a commencement of experiment work in pre cooling of apples this year

Whereas, the fruit interests of the Anna-polis Valley suffer a severe loss becaus-of what is known as "slacks." in barrel apples arriving on the British market and whereas, this loss may be due to var ious causes which by definite experiment can be clearly defined; and whereas tention is being given in other parts to Canada by the Federal Department of Agriculture to experimental shipment and their direction to British market to help solve this and other problems of

a like nature. Therefore Resolved that the Nov Scotia Fruit Growers' Association no lated to the shipment of Nova Scotiar apples, so that information looking toward Whereas, George Sanders, officer in the landing of our fruit on the British mar-charge of the Entomological Laboratory ket in better condition be obtained.

and also. Mr. Bishop for the moving pic hospitality which was so much enjoyed our members and also to our genia and generous friend, M. W. Grav the firm of M. W. Graves and Co., for the bounteous supply of refreshments o the very best quality.

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Delegates to Ottawa in February
E. H. Johnson, Wolfville; W. C. Spurr, Melvern Square; J. H. Cox, Cambridge Substitutes—J. Elliott Smith, Wolfville; F. H. Johnson, Middleton.

H. C. Burchill, of Windsor, at the close of the session gave, an address on ' stone'

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