

Quebec Pomological Society

AN interesting discussion together with a large exhibit of fine fruit rounded out the excellent program of the Quebec Pomological and Fruit Growing Society, making the two days session at Macdonald College (Dec. 8-9) one of the most instructive in the history of the association. Regret was expressed on every hand that President G. Reynaud of La Trappe was, through sickness, not able to be present. It is earnestly hoped that the paralytic stroke under which he is suffering will prove only temporary and that soon he will again be able to carry on his valuable work at La Trappe. His excellent presidential address read at the meeting produced a general feeling of his presence and we cannot but feel that soon he will be with us again in his usual vigor.

The association has been especially favored by the presence of the Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture for the Dominion, Hon. J. L. Caron, minister of agriculture for the province and Hon. J. L. Decarie, ex-minister of agriculture, now provincial secretary, and Mr. G. A. Gigault, deputy minister for the province. Addresses were delivered by these gentlemen which proved instructive and inspiring. The Hon. S. Fisher mentioned the fact that the color and aroma of Quebec fruit could not be excelled. He had just come from the Nova Scotia Winter Fair, and particularly noticeable was the high color of the Quebec fruit as compared with that from the east. A fairly large display of fruit was staged there but not so good as that exhibited here. His remarks were timely and interesting.

Hon. Mr. Decarie gave as his motto "The farm through the school." His efforts have been directed towards a betterment of rural conditions. His wish is that such conven-

tions become more general and that the people of the province take advantage of this and similar institutions to advance their interest in order to become equipped to battle with the problems of life.

Hon. J. L. Caron, himself interested personally in fruit growing, expressed himself as willing to do whatever he possibly could to advance the interest of the association and the province in general.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: Hon. patron, Hon. S. A. Fisher and Hon. J. A. Caron; hon. pres., R. W. Shepherd, Montreal; hon. vice-pres., Prof. G. Reynaud, La Trappe; pres., Prof. W. S. Blair, Macdonald College; vice-pres., A. D. Verreault, Village des Aulnaies; sec-treas., Peter Reid, Chateauguay Basin; and nine directors.

On accepting office Professor Blair thanked the members of the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. He hoped to be able to give more time to the useful work in the parts of the province away from the immediate neighborhood of the college than heretofore.

RESOLUTIONS

The secretary's report showed good standing financially and increase in membership. The following resolutions were adopted:

"That this society shall offer to pay the railway fare of one delegate from each local horticultural society to the annual winter meeting of the society for the year 1910, with a view of inducing a better representation of the fruit growers' interests of the province.

"That in the opinion of the association it is considered advisable to make an exhibit of fruit from this province at the Royal Horticultural Show, London, next fall, and

that the secretary be delegated to confer with the government regarding same."

A resolution of regret was passed unanimously at the loss to the convention and the society through illness of President Reynaud, with the hope that his illness is only temporary, and that soon he will be restored to full vigor again to continue his good work as horticulturist of Oka Agricultural Institute.

A resolution, expressing regret at the loss sustained by the society through the death of W. L. Davidson of Davidson's Hill, Que., one of the most active and esteemed members of the association, was spoken to in feeling terms by various members.

UNIFORM JUDGING OF FRUITS

The advisability of adopting a uniform system for judging fruits was brought up by W. T. Macoun. The opinion of the convention was that some definite action should be taken and with this in view a committee was appointed to confer with other similar Canadian associations in the matter.

ADDRESSES BY HON. SYDNEY FISHER

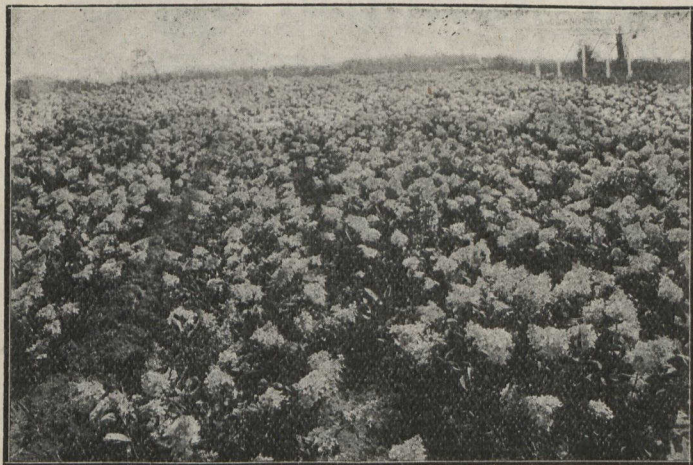
Hon. Sydney Fisher gave one of his characteristic able addresses dealing especially with the possibilities of the province in the development of high-class dessert fruit. The province is especially adapted to the growing of Fameuse and McIntosh, two of the best fruits in the world, and they can be grown to the highest state of perfection right here. It requires hard work and constant attention to detail in fertilizing, spraying, packing, marketing, etc., but nothing of value is accomplished without this effort on the part of the producer and the satisfaction in being able to develop fruit second to none will well repay for the energy expended.

INSECT PESTS

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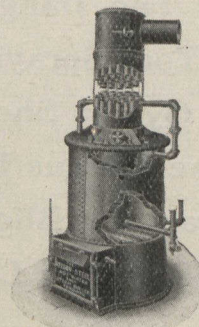
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