

COMPLAINTS OF FRUIT GROWERS

BAD HANDLING AND DIRTY, BROKEN CARS

Freight and Express Agents Heard Delegates Last Night—Officers Elected

Carriers handling by inexperienced handlers; dirty and broken cars, which the growers often have to repair at their own expense...

Mr. Brydon gave courage to others, that before the meeting closed, instead of the report being pigeonholed, nearly half the delegates discovered they had some kind of a grievance...

Mr. Brydon complained that whatever the process the grower got the worst end of it. Even in good consignments there was enough to pay the freight and the commission man; what was left went to the grower, and it was often almost nothing...

Mr. Pitcairn complained of the cars and handling of the fruit, and also of the freight and express rates, which were followed by jobbers, growers, shippers, all with a cry against the companies in some shape or form.

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RESCUE WORK IN BELLEVUE MINE

Witness Gives Evidence at Coroner's Inquest—Tells of Finding of Bodies

Bellevue, Alta., 7.—James Cardell was again upon the witness stand yesterday at the coroner's inquest into the mine disaster here, and was examined at length by Mr. Woods...

Mr. Woods wanted to know why he had not endeavored to go further, and try to find the extent of the territory covered by gas, and why he had not tried to get into the chute lower down. The witness thought that it was the wisest plan to get out of the place, as the gas showed such a cap on the flame in his lamp...

His evidence remained practically the same as he gave it before. He was finally allowed to go, and Bovi, his companion on the trip of inspection, was sworn. He was instructed by Jas. Anderson to go with Cardell through the old workings on December 7...

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NO MONEY TO PAY STATE EXPENSES

Factions in Tennessee Fail to Agree and Legislative Deadlock Results

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—The utter refusal of the "fusionists" of the lower house to meet with the regulars has resulted in a legislative deadlock that may mean there will be no session of the law-makers in Tennessee for the next two years...

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PACKING SCHOOLS FOR FRUIT GROWERS

Twenty to Be Established This Year Under Department, With Two Expert Packers

The increased importance of the fruit-growing industry in British Columbia is responsible for the awakening of the government to the necessity of the state of the great industrial development of the province requires for development; and an announcement was made Friday afternoon at the B. C. Fruit-growers' convention by the premier, who stated that during this year the government, through the agricultural department, will establish in various parts of the fruit-growing districts, packing schools to teach the growers and shippers how to have the advantages of expert advice in handling and packing fruit for shipment...

The premier announced that twenty of these schools will be established. The points at which they are to be stationed were not announced. The packing schools will be under the direction of expert packers. The premier stated that two expert men in this line of work are being secured, who will travel among the twenty schools giving tuition and advice to members of the various fruit-growers' associations...

The announcement of the proposed schools was received by the sixty delegates present with applause. The treasurer of the Protestant Orphan Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$15.90 from Miss Roberts, the proceeds of a dance recently held at Sidney...

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STANDARD SIZES OF FRUIT BOXES

Fruitgrowers' Association Decides on measurements to Be Submitted at Conference

Standard sizes of fruit boxes adopted by the B. C. Fruit-growers' Association on Saturday, to be recommended to the Dominion fruit conference at Ottawa in December, are the sizes to be legalized are as follows: Apple boxes 20 by 11 by 10 inches. Pear boxes 18 1/4 by 11 by 8 1/2 inches. Four basket plum crates, 15 3/4 by 15 3/4 by 4 1/4 inches. Peach boxes, 13 1/4 by 11 3/4 by 4 1/2 inches. Crabapple boxes, 18 1/4 by 11 by 8 1/4 inches...

The delegates at the fruit-growers' convention this morning agreed that the standardization of fruit boxes should be urged and that the delegates to be selected to attend the Dominion fruit conference at Ottawa in December should carry with them the wishes of the conference in this regard to place before the Dominion conference. The 20 by 11 by 10 inch apple box as passed by the Dominion government was agreed upon by delegates as the most satisfactory, while the use of two boxes in Washington and Oregon was held to be far behind the convenience of one box afforded packers of this province. The standardization of all boxes was held to be of convenience in marketing and also for box manufacturers; the latter represented by J. H. Lane of New Westminster, reporting that with standardization in force boxes could always be kept in stock to supply the small growers at immediate notice. The standardization once adopted would result in convenience to all branches of the fruit-growing industry. Changes of machinery were unnecessary, manufacture was regulated with resulting economy all round. The Washington apple boxes are made with two-piece joints, which is held to be a disadvantage. Maxwell Smith said growers had been twenty years getting the present standard box legalized by the Dominion government and that British Columbia on the apple box question is miles ahead of the state of Washington. It would not be right or advantageous to ask for a change. When the delegates to the Dominion fruit-growers' conference leave towards the end of the year for Ottawa they will be instructed by the association to urge that three words "for export only" be struck out of the fruit marks act. Thomas A. Brydon, in speaking to the motion, which carried unanimously, said and was supported by others, that the grower, in packing the 20 by 10 by 11 box, did not know whether it would eventually be exported or used for provincial consumption. When the box was passed by the Dominion government the words "for export only" were included, which meant that the standard size was compulsory only for export, while for the provincial market it, or any other size, was legal. The motion put by T. G. Barber, of Solimon Arm, asks that this box shall be universal for home and export markets both. The effect of the resolution is that apple boxes 20 by 11 by 8, which must be used for export, are now to be the recognized box of the provincial market also. A motion that the present pear box, 13 1/4 by 11 by 8 1/2 inches, be adopted by the association as the standard box for the province, was carried. The association adopted a four-basket plum crate 15 3/4 by 15 3/4 by 4 1/4 inches. The standard peach box was agreed on as 18 1/4 by 11 3/4 by 4 1/2 inches, and the standard box for crabapples is the same as the pear box.

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BROWN CLASHES WITH A. J. BRACE

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