

## QUEBEC FRUIT GROWERS.



THE eighth annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growers' Society of the Province of Quebec was held on the 31st of January and 1st of February at Muir Hall, Hunting-ton, Que. Morning, afternoon and evening meetings were held. The meetings were well attended and a great deal of interest shown, and different subjects were well discussed, many in the audience joining in the discussions.

The meetings was ably conducted by the President, Dr. H. W. Woods, St. Johns, Que. The society was particularly favored by having such a large number of professors to attend their meeting.

Mr. J. M. Fisk, Abbotsford, gave an address on Horticultural Exhibitions and advised the adoption of judging by points. In the discussion that followed single judges were thought advisable, and the system of judging by points was thought to work well on single plates but at times lead to confusion in collections.

Dr. Saunders, director Experimental Farms, Ottawa, gave a very interesting address showing the important position the fruits of Canada have taken in all the large exhibitions of the world from the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 to the Paris Exposition of last year.

Dr. Fletcher, Entomologist Central Experimental Farms, in a well chosen address, showed the value of the honey bee to the fruit growers as a pollinizer, and explained why the bee did not injure fruit, and that there had never been a case known where the bee

had broken the skin of the tenderest fruit. Mr. Selwin, of Ottawa, also gave a paper of great value to the bee-keeper. Mr. Hamilton, of Grenville, and Mr. Shepherd, of Como, closed the afternoon meeting of the second day with well chosen remarks on cold storage and the possibilities of the fruit grower as an exporter under more favorable conditions.

The feature of the evening was an illustrated address by Prof. John Craig, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., who showed some excellent lime light views of some of the most profitable orchards in western New York and the views of several packing and evaporating plants, closing with a photo of the Directors of the Quebec Association taken at the time of the first meeting of the board.

Prof. Waugh, Horticulturist, Burlington, Vermont, spoke of the selection of varieties and drew attention to the Fameuse type as being of special value as grown in Quebec.

Mr. R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa, in addressing the meeting showed the advantages to be derived from Local Horticultural Societies being connected with the Provincial Society and cited the benefits gained by affiliated societies in Ontario.

The subject received great attention and was discussed at some length, and it is probable that in the near future steps will be taken to form affiliated societies on the same general plan as in Ontario.

Your representatives were very cordially received and entertained while at the meeting. HAROLD JONES, Maitland.