

to waste in the Okanagan that would have been eagerly bought up in the North-West at very high prices. If only it could have been got there, and properly distributed, the transportation charges would not have proved the least hardship.

The representatives of various packing houses argued that it was the fault of the growers, and that they have been at all times prepared to pay spot cash for the crops, and there is no reason to doubt their statements.

Various motions were brought in asking for increase of the duty, and more thorough inspection (what might be called a vindictive inspection) of imported fruits. Doubling the duty would, in my opinion, by no means settle the question. We are preparing to grow fruit for the British and Australian markets. In the face of that fact, can any mere increase of duty or enforcement of the "Trades Mark Act" really relieve the situation?

Our methods of marketing the fruit are behind the times, and it is in reaching the consumer that we growers fail. We employ methods that are clumsy and antiquated,—there is a lack of system and therefore an immense waste of effort.

An attempt was recently made to organize the various Fruit Growers' Associations into a "Central Exchange," and the idea was a thoroughly good and sound one. The attempt has failed disastrously, and an effort is being made to discredit co-operation