

MAY HANDLE THEIR FRUIT AND PRODUCE

Victoria Fruit Growers Declare for Formation of Co-operative Association

(From Thursday's Daily)

The Victoria Fruit Growers Association may ultimately resolve itself in a co-operative society, to handle all wholesale fruit and farm produce of the various members of the society.

A resolution favoring such a course of action was adopted at a special meeting of the association held at the legislative buildings yesterday.

The proposal, introduced by Spencer Percival of Fender Island and found favor with the majority of those present. A section of the members present, headed by ex-President Brydon, thought that two co-operative societies should be formed, one of these to deal with general farm produce and the other to deal with fruit alone.

The meeting was well attended. In addition to the members from the district immediately surrounding the city, a number were present from the islands. President Gale presided and in addition to the special business transacted, a number of matters of routine business were dealt with.

Owing to the increase in business it was decided that the necessary an assistant secretary should be engaged to help the secretary. In future all members of the society will be shareholders in practice as well as in theory and a further call will be made to pay off the balance owing upon the farm plant belonging to the society which is installed at F. R. Stewart's in this city.

The balance amounting to about \$750, the remainder of the \$700 which the plant cost having been formerly raised.

A collection was taken up, amounting to over \$30 for the purpose of assisting the Northwest Fruit Growers' convention, which will be held in Vancouver early in December. The competitors for exhibits of fruit for which gold medals are awarded, are open to the members of the local society.

The main subject, that of the formation of a co-operative society was then introduced. Mr. Percival strongly advocated the formation of such a union to handle all kinds of farm produce wholesale. He pointed out that there were many farmers producing excellent fruit in addition to other farm produce and that they were being sold on the market for what it would fetch this year, the end of the Fruit Growers' Association. He claimed that this reckless competition should be stopped and that the Fruit Growers' Association could with advantage merge into a general farmers' co-operative union. The latter would not be instituted with the idea of starting retail stores but to sell strictly wholesale to the trade. Mr. Baylis supported Mr. Percival very ably as did others of those present.

Mr. Brydon, however, took a different view. He held that it was desirable to have two co-operative associations, one to handle general farm produce and the other to handle fruit alone.

Mr. Strachan supported the first speaker and a resolution was carried to the effect that the association was strongly in favor of considering this department with a view to ultimately carrying out the idea set forth.

The question of the size of strawberry packages was then considered. The general sentiment was that the one pound basket should be constituted the legal standard of size.

The hope was expressed that as many of the members of the association as was possible would exhibit at the convention in Vancouver in December. It is expected that the C. F. R. will offer a special rate.

Produce prices on local market firm. Steady demand for all seasonable lines—New fruit is arriving.

Few price changes of importance have been recorded in the local produce market during the past week and while dealers report a steady demand for all seasonable lines, prices have held firm but practically stationary.

Fruit—The demand for fruit, particularly those varieties suitable for preserving, is rapidly increasing. Peas are now at their best and now is the time to place orders for preserving. The quality is stated by dealers to be excellent and while prices are a little firmer than at this time last year the increase in cost is more than made up by the improved quality. Plums are also coming in in liberal quantities and of good quality, and green gages, egg and Damson's peach plums are now at their best at comparatively moderate prices. Prunes are just beginning to arrive. For all these fruits there is a good demand for shipment to the northwest provinces. Arrivals of Bartlett pears are liberal. There are a little green but just about right for preserving. Prices are a little unsettled as yet, but will be adjusted about the end of the week.

of from twenty-five to fifty cents under a week ago. Canned vegetables will be higher in price. Local dealers assert, on account of the shortage. The Cannery's association is only supplying some lines to the extent of but forty to fifty per cent of orders. The association has not yet sent out prices on the tomato output which this year is very short. Strawberries and raspberries will also be short but the output of canned peaches and apples will be ample.

Fish—On account of the shortage of salmon it is expected that prices will soon sharply advance. The peak this season shows remarkable falling off, a truly third year shrinkage. The supply of fresh salmon on the local market is good at steady prices but it is expected that values will be higher next month. Humped back salmon is practically off the market, what there is being quoted at prices which show no advance in prices is looked for.

Poultry—There is a good supply but prices hold firm. Little change in prices is looked for. Mills—Good demand for all lines at firm prices which are not expected to show any change until the outcome of the wheat harvest is known. The export demand for interior mill products is extremely dull.

Special Prices for the Local Market are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Royal Household (Hungarian), Bran, Shorts, Oats, Barley, Hay, Cornmeal, Whole corn, Middlings, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrots, Onions, Cucumbers, Potatoes, Peas, Beans, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Eggs, Fresh Island, Cooking, Cheese, Canadian, Swiss, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Raisins, Peaches, Watermelons, Pineapples, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, Sturgeon, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Cod, Halibut, Salmon, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Lamb, Veal, Ducks, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Chickens, Pigeons, Rabbits, etc.

Cranbrook Development. Cranbrook, B. C., Aug. 27.—Slowly but surely Cranbrook district is growing in importance as a mining district.

Injured in Collision. St. Louis, Aug. 28.—In a collision between a railroad motor cycle and a street car, the driver of the latter was injured.

Church Elder's Lapse. Gait, Ont., Aug. 28.—Peter Meyer, a church elder and Mrs. Jennings of Dundas, Ontario, as a domestic here have disappeared, and it is probable they have eloped. Meyer was painting a restaurant where the woman was employed. He has a wife and family in Gait.

Closing Week of Our Mighty August Furniture Sale

Has Reduced Former Prices Beyond Recognition

This is a sale of the most sweeping character, in which idea of cost, value or loss is not entertained for one moment. This fact will be splendidly verified in the radical underpricings that will reign here Friday and Saturday.

Extension Table Bargains Friday and Saturday

Table listing various extension table models and their prices, such as 'EXTENSION TABLE, golden elm, size 6 ft. x 3 ft. 4 in. Square ends, light build. Reg. \$10.00. Special Friday and Saturday \$7.50'.

Extraordinary Week End Offering in Children's Coats

\$3.50 Regular values \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00. SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY \$3.50

Table listing children's coats: CHILD'S BEAVER CLOTH COAT, CHILD'S FAWN BEAVER CLOTH COAT, CHILD'S NAVY BLUE CLOTH COAT, CHILD'S FAWN BEAVER COAT.

Fancy Night Dress Cases on Sale Friday

FANCY NIGHT DRESS CASES, embroidered in white. Regular 50c. Friday special 25c.

Just Received, Shipment of Heath's Famous Hats

These famous Hats are celebrated for their excellent wearing qualities and are warranted to hold their shape. They come in soft fedora shapes and stiff, and are the most nobby hats made.

The Season's Very Latest in Fine Dress Goods

Table listing dress goods: TWEED SUITINGS, NEW BLANKET TWEEDS, FRENCH VENETIANS, WOOL CHEVIOTS, PANAMA CHECK TWEEDS, HEAVY WEIGHT TWEEDS.

Latest Arrivals in Fall Jackets and Costumes

THE tailor made suit is one of the strongest factors in women's dress this fall and that our buyers have fully recognized the fact is shown by the character of the advance arrivals and we cordially invite you to inspect them.

Table listing ladies' jackets and costumes: LADIES' NEW FALL COSTUME, LADIES' LIGHT GREY TWEED COSTUME, LADIES' BLACK COSTUME.

Special Prices on Ladies' Dressing Gowns

Table listing ladies' dressing gowns: LADIES' DRESSING GOWNS, LADIES' FULL LENGTH DRESSING GOWNS.

Specials in the Lace Curtain Department

Table listing lace curtains: POINT DE BRUSSEL, IRISH POINT, SWISS TAMBOUR.

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