

admitted into Canada duty free. As far as we know there is no opposition to this proposal. These machines are not manufactured in Canada, nor are they likely to be for many years. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association favors the suggestion. As the underdraining of hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Canada is a crying necessity, the Government will serve the best interests of the country if it consents to the adoption of the resolution.

Ontario's Provincial Market Commissioner in Western Canada has reported that Ontario fruit is better in quality than any other offered in Winnipeg and on other mid-central western markets, but that its grading and packing frequently leaves much to be desired. The Canadian Horticulturist long advocated the appointment of a market commissioner for Ontario in order that the defects of Ontario's method of packing might be brought home more forcibly to the growers by an impartial agent. Now that the facts are being laid before the growers steps should be taken as speedily as possible to ensure Ontario's fruit being laid on the markets in Western Canada in better condition. Ontario is behind British Columbia in this respect, and will continue to be until more energetic efforts are made to bring about an improvement in the apple pack of the province.

The suggestion has been made to The Canadian Horticulturist, and we pass it along with pleasure, that the Dominion Parliament, now in session at Ottawa, might fittingly recognize and advertise the fruit industry of Canada by the adoption of a resolution accepting the apple as the national fruit of Canada. The apple is grown to perfection in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The quality of the Canadian apple is not surpassed anywhere else in the world. What do our readers think of this suggestion?

That the fruit growers of Lambton County are awakening to their opportunities may be gathered from the fact that they have cooperated recently in the formation of the Lambton Publicity and Development Association which has for its object the development of the latent resources and opportunities of the county. The association has issued an attractively worded and illustrated pamphlet showing fruit and farming scenes in the county. It is entitled, "Come to Lambton County in Sunny South-Western Ontario." Other fruit sections in Ontario might well follow this example. They are not likely to attract settlers and capital until they themselves appreciate their own natural resources and the opportunities which they are to offer to others, and then make them known.

## PUBLISHER'S DESK

The front cover illustration of this issue of The Canadian Horticulturist was obtained from a photograph taken in the orchard of Mr. Brimmingcome, of Goderich. Mr. Brimmingcome is one of a number of orchardists who are helping to bring Lambton County to the front by their up-to-date orchard methods. An evidence of the success which is attending their efforts

was shown by the illustration on the front cover of The Canadian Horticulturist for January.

This issue of The Canadian Horticulturist breaks several records. It contains more pages than we have ever before published, and the volume of advertising carried establishes a new high water mark. We have endeavored to make this issue also of special interest and value to our readers. It is our desire that every success as it is achieved shall only prove a spur to increased efforts for further improvement. Our plans for our March issue are such that we can assure our readers that they will be delighted with it when it reaches their hands. Help us to make The Canadian Horticulturist a credit to the fruit and floral interests of Canada.

## SOCIETY NOTES

We invite the officers of Horticultural Societies to send in short, pithy reports of work that would interest members of other Horticultural Societies.

### SEAFORTH

At the annual meeting of the Seaforth Horticultural Society the following resolution, which contains a suggestion for other societies, was passed: "Believing that the condition of the property on Main street, between Stewart's blacksmith shop and Kerslake's feed store, to be a disgrace to the town of Seaforth, we urge upon the Mayor and Council to take whatever steps are necessary to have this eyesore cleaned up."

### MONTREAL

A prosperous year's record was shown in the report presented at the annual meeting of the Montreal Horticultural Society held recently. Votes of thanks were tendered to residents who had opened their conservatories during the months of February and March. Resolutions of sympathy were tendered to the families of Sir Edward Clouston, Messrs. Wm. M. Ramsay, G. M. Hays and R. Wilson Smith.

The following officers were elected:

Honorary President—Hon. Senator Mackay; Hon. First Vice-President—Jas. Mor-

gan, Esq.; Hon. Second Vice-President—Jonathan Brown; Hon. Botanist, Rev. Robt. Campbell, D.D.; President—D. Lorne McGibbon; Vice-President—Charles B. Gordon.

Directors—Sir H. Montagu Allan, Henry Birks, Esq., B. Hal. Brown, Mortimer B. Davis, H. A. Ekers, Chas. Meredith, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, A. E. Ogilvie, A. J. Dawes, Sir Hugh Graham, John Stewart, James R. Wilson, L. Payette, C. P. Beaubien, K.C., W. G. Ross, Hon. Nathaniel Currie, D. Forbes Angus, J. C. Macdunnid and His Worship Mayor Lavalee.

The executive committee were elected as follows:

Robert Burrows, chairman, W. J. Wilshire, Joseph Bennett, C. A. Smith, Geo. A. Robinson, H. Schoning, R. T. Pinkerton, George Trussell, F. J. Hayward, I. Rubenstein, A. Ferguson, W. G. Pascoe, J. Luck, J. Turner, Wm. Ewing, Jr., Geo. Bayles.

Secretary-treasurer A. J. Bowles.

### TORONTO

As a result of the change in the Horticultural Societies Act for Ontario, made last year, which enables Toronto to form two Societies, a meeting of the High Park Ratepayers' Association was held, at which the Association was re-organized as The High Park Horticultural Society.

The Society starts off with a membership of one hundred and fifty paid members and a considerable number of associate members ready to continue under these auspices the work formerly carried on without assistance by the High Park Ratepayers' Association. The organization of this horticultural society enables it to procure from the Government in the first year of its operation a grant of \$75, and after that a grant as high as \$500 dependent on the membership. The plan of campaign including the giving of shrubs, trees and flowers, and awarding of prizes will be put in operation by the officers elected.

The officers elected are as follows: President, D. G. M. Galbraith; vice-president, A. Chamberlin; first vice-president, Wm. H. Reid; secretary, J. H. King; treasurer, F. R. Snow. Directors—William Morman, John Harris, R. W. Scadding, W. H. Price, Wm. McTavish, George Stevenson, R. J. Buller, D. Paterson, George Birdsall.

## British Columbia Fruit Growers Wide Awake

Matters of not only provincial but of national importance were discussed and dealt with by the members of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association at their 23rd annual convention held in Victoria, B.C., January 6, 7, and 8. These included increases in the duty on fruit, the inspection of fruit, transportation problems and similar subjects.

Hon. Price Ellison, Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Finance, congratulated the fruit growers on having the cleanest fruit producing country in the world, a result he attributed to the services of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, the provincial fruit inspector. The cost of fighting infection was too heavy an impost for the industry to bear, and they were justified in their endeavors to prevent infected fruit being brought in. But they must bear in mind that their aim must be to give the wholesaler, and through him, the consumer, the goods he wants when he wants them, and this would be enormously helped by the establishment of cold storage. The growers were urged to encourage the establishment of cold storage plants by subscribing

for stock, in which event the provincial government might be induced to give financial assistance.

The growers, the Minister said, had a right to demand a higher import duty on United States produce, in fact to be protected as much as those engaged in any other industry, and the consumer would never notice the difference in fruit. They must keep on asking for what they wanted and what they had a right to ask for till they got it.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr. W. C. Ricardo, president of the Association, declared that the time had arrived to press for better protection for orchards against infected countries and when the home and Canadian markets generally should be kept for Canadian fruit and free from the dumping of produce from other countries. While lower prices must be expected, profits could be raised by closer attention to the manufacture of by-products and the reduction of the cost of production. He corrected an idea that had got about that poor organization had been

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