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Central Farmers' Institute Annual Session. - Many portant Topics Under D cussion.

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province.

The Premier, Hon. Richard McBrid addressed the meeting. He said t farmer's institutes were doing excelent work and were in a position cure many ills of the farmer. The had been a great advance in the payear in fruit-growing, especially the Kootenays and Okanagan and the progress was a demonstration to the progress was a demonstration to the Kootenays and Okanagan and the progress was a demonstration to the progress was a demonstration to the rest of the Dominion. The government was strengthening the department of agriculture and assisting work as much as possible, but the members of the institutes could much to aid the government. He sath the government was fortunate in having Mr. Scott at head of the department, and he hoped Mr. Scott wou have the confidence of the member of the institutes. He welcomed the delegates to Victoria.

J. T. Collins, of Salt Spring, delegate from The Islands, was elected the form the strength of condolence to the form deputy minister, R. M. Palmer, on herecent bereavement.

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The entire time of the afternoo session of the Farmers' Institute was occupied in the consideration an passage of resolutions. These deal with matters of considerable import and interesting discussions arose, the dominant note of which was the anx lety displayed to bring in new set tlers, and to encourage them as much as possible in their initial efforts.

Among the resolutions was on strongly recommending the establishment of a national apple show, with this first meeting place in British Columbia, preferably Vancouver. This was endorsed by James Cook, of Eas Kootenay. As an advertisement alon such a show would prove a great factor. It was a matter of considerable interest to British Columbia, as the apples of this province are winning medals wherever they competed.

In the course of discussion attention was drawn to the advertisement secured by King Edward's praise of the British Columbia prists to the

secured by King Edward's praise of the British Columbia exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Show in London The feeling prevailed that were a national show arranged, not only would the provincial government. the provincial government assis largely, but the city of Vancouver would also lend aid to secure the in-auguration of the event in that place George Heatherbell, of Metchosin spoke in favor of the project, stating that he considered that there would be little difficulty in obtaining the sum of \$50,000 to help the matter forward Finally the resolution worded in feet that the Central Farmers' Insti-tute strongly endorses the holding of a national apple show, was carried unanimously.

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Another resolution dealt with the clearing of land and the price paid therefor. It suggested that the government be asked to have demonstration farms established in each agricultural district showing all the processes of farming from the clearing of the land to the placing of the products on the market. By this means it was hoped that every new settler would be able to get his information at home. It was pointed out in the course of discussion that annually some \$10,000,000 was sent outside the province to purchase supplies which might be produced in British Columbia. The establishment of such farms would cost money at of such farms would cost money a first, but the experiment would pa well in the course of time. A were other resolutions on the were other resolutions on the agenda paper dealing with experimental farms further consideration of demonstra-tion farms was laid over until today.

A resolution emanating from the Women's Institute receive a grant the same as is given the farmof speeches highly laudatory of the work being done by the women in the work being done by the women in connection with farming. The president pointed out that the government had already made arrangements for making the grant wanted, and the resolution was carried.

A considerable discussion arose over a resolution dealing with C.P.R. Freights between British Columbia

between British Columbia reights between British Columbia points and the prairie provinces. The resolution, which was fathered by the Kent Farmers' Institute, asked that the railway company should reduce the freight charges between British Columbia points and the prairie provinces and vice versa. It developed in the course of discussion that the present the present that the present the course of discussion that the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present that the present that the present that the present the present that the presen the course of discussion that ent freight rates charged favorably with those in effect Washington points and the r It was suggested to change lution and ask the government to appoint a commission on freight and express rates to discuss the matter