

parent in former days, when bottom lands were sufficient for the settlers, and it was natural that it was not realized that the water problem was one that required technical training to solve. More recently contentions over conflicting water rights had become serious and widespread and had aroused public sentiment to demand legislation.

Prior to 1909 men believed that all they had to do was to record a notice to take water, and it was theirs for ever, no matter how little land they had to use it on or whether they made due development. They might even have subdivided or sold their water holdings.

Mr. Ross referred to the impossibility in many cases of the individual settler bringing water on to his land, whereas by the combination of fifty or one hundred this was made feasible. Education along these lines was necessary in the province. They had stores of experience to draw on in the United States.

To form a public irrigation company a petition signed by landowners representing fifty per cent. of the value of the lands to be incorporated would be necessary. Then after careful survey and investigation the whole matter would be laid before the people of the district affected and a vote taken.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Other addresses were delivered on Fruit Growing and Marketing in the Yakima Valley by W. P. Sawyer, The Methods of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, by H. C. Sampson, secretary to that organization; by E. Robinson, on the North-western Fruit Exchange; and by R. Robertson, of the Okanagan United Growers, Ltd.

Mr. Robertson sketched the growth of the cooperative movement in the province.

SALES METHODS

Mr. Sampson, equipped with facts to his fingertips, told of the five hundred thousand acres planted with fruit in the North-western States, which will come into bearing in twelve years, and of the dispositions they were making to market the one hundred and twenty-five thousand carloads. He laid down the principle that the individual grower cannot sell his own crop. Both the selling and buying of fruit wholesale are a life study, and unless the seller is equipped with reports and knowledge equal to those in the buyer's possession he must come off second best. He told of the power of his company over railways, who in certain districts, where there was no competition, put on unfair rates, and of how quickly these climbed down when told that retaliation would take place in Washington or some place where competition did exist. He told of the amount recovered for the growers for fruit damaged or ruined by the railways, and that within a few weeks, and he outlined what he believed would be the future of the company's career of usefulness.

ASIATIC EXCLUSION

The last day's proceedings witnessed a decision at last arrived at on the Asiatic question. On such an important matter it was felt that any representations made to the Government should have the weight of the whole association behind them. The resolution ultimately passed petitions the Provincial Government to persuade the Dominion and Imperial Governments to total exclusion for the future of all Orientals from Canada, and that in the meantime relief should be given as far as possible to

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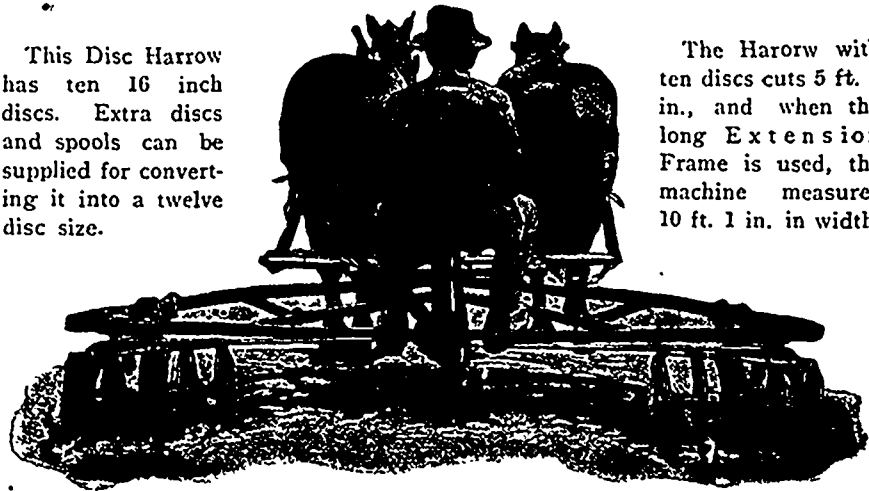
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