

valuable address on "Fruit at Fall Fairs." He advised that exhibitions of fruit be separated into two classes—commercial and amateur. The commercial class should again be classified as export or domestic. The former should be shown packed in barrels ready for shipment, and in boxes, wrapped and unwrapped. Those intended for domestic sale should be shown packed in baskets, barrels and boxes. He said that the Dominion Department of Agriculture was willing to give all possible assistance and to supply expert judges for fruit exhibitions.

#### This Year's Outlook.

Mr. Creelman, in an address on "The Outlook for Fall Fairs in 1904," suggested that smaller associations be formed, embracing districts whose products were in common. In a central association, covering so much territory, it was possible to deal with subjects only in a general way.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, who succeeds Mr. Creelman as superintendent of agricultural societies, outlined his proposed work for 1904. He advocated liberal advertising of fairs, a convention of secretaries for mutual benefit, careful attention to the interests of the farmer, the main support of the fall fairs, and unity of effort by groups of adjacent fairs, including the hiring of a manager to devote his whole time to a group of fairs. Mr. Cowan also proposed a method of insuring fairs against financial loss by reason of rain on exhibition dates.

The usual rotes of thanks to the city authorities, the speakers and press were passed, and the convention was closed.—The Mail-Enterprise.

#### THE EXPORT APPLE TRADE.

Late advices from Liverpool report a good market for all arrivals of sound stock which have sold at steadily advancing prices. Account sales have just been received from Liverpool of a lot of 150 barrels of Golden Russets netting the shipper \$2.40 in the west, a lot of 100 barrels Baldwins netting \$2.10 in the west, and 100 barrels of Greenings netting \$2.00. A choice lot of Golden Russets netted the shipper a fraction over \$1.00 per barrel. The same western shipper, however, admits that by the same mail he received returns of two lots that only netted him 75c and \$1.10 per barrel respectively, on account of a portion of the fruit being frosted. But on the whole he is well satisfied with the result of his shipments this season up to the present; but what he is afraid of is that as the market on the other side has held up so well, that shippers will be induced to send forward second qualities, a considerable quantity of which it is said is still held in the west, and which it is difficult to dispose of to the local trade. Up to the present it is generally admitted that Canadian shippers have realized good average profits this season, and a Montreal firm is reported to have made splendid gains on its Nova Scotian shipments to London market. The total exports of apples from Canada and the United States for the present season up to week

ending February 13, 1904, were 2,922,906 barrels as compared with 2,097,581 barrels for the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of \$25,325 barrels.—Fruit Trade Journal.

#### FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SHOULD LEAD IN THIS.

At the Ontario Fruit Growers' convention Principal Mills, of the Ontario Agricultural College, made a suggestion that has elicited considerable discussion, and may lead to a most important change in the railway freight charges. The suggestion was that the Dominion Government should be asked to establish an express branch in connection with the postal service. The railway freight rates are much too high, but the charges in a service carrying small parcels in connection with the postoffices is already in existence and works in a most satisfactory manner. With our express business nationalized it would be possible to take a package of butter, eggs or fruit to any postoffice on rail line and have the same delivered to the customer more promptly and at very much less cost than now. It would be a great gain to the farmers and to the consuming portion of the community. In Canada a large proportion of the cost of railway construction has been borne by the taxpayers, and it is now proposed by the Laurier Government to increase the grants out of the people's treasury to the Grand Trunk by many millions of dollars. It is then quite time that the people should study their own interests more, and the suggestion of Principal Mills regarding nationalizing the express service is a case which every intelligent citizen should adopt and press to a conclusion favorable to the people. The Fruit Growers' Association might very properly lead the way in the agitation, and it is to be hoped the association will do so.—Robeygeon Independent.

#### FRUIT FOR ST. LOUIS.

Mr. T. H. Race, editor of the Mitchell Recorder, has been appointed as the Dominion Fruit Commissioner at the St. Louis Exposition, and expects to spend the greater portion of the summer at the place. He will have entire charge of the fruit exhibit of the Dominion.

"I think Canada will make a splendid showing in the line of fruit," he said in a recent interview. "All arrangements have been completed, and the growers are responding well. The exhibit should be a good advertisement for this country, especially as it is to be housed in a very fine building which Canada is erecting. There will be a fine showing of all agricultural products, save live stock, and I can scarcely say that I blame the stockmen for the stand they have taken in the matter, as the conditions were certainly most vexatious."

Mr. Race has been addressing institute meetings, which on account of the weather have not been as well attended as in former years. This does not mean any diminution of interest in the