

somewhat spotted. Buyers are offering 75 cents to \$1.00 on trees. Plums generally will be light.—A.E.S.

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Ruthven.—Peaches are a splendid crop. Pears are good. Apple crop will not be full, and will be poor in quality.—J.O.D.

MANITOBA

St. Charles.—Raspberries are a fair crop. Red currants were badly affected by currant fly and dropped from bushes; black currants, good crop. Plums and crab apples are heavily loaded with fruit which is maturing under favorable conditions.—D.W.B.

SASKATCHEWAN

Prince Albert.—There is every prospect of a fine crop of fruit. The wild fruit was bountiful, raspberries, blueberries and cranberries being in great abundance.—G.T.B.

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Nelson.—The pear crop is considered good; apples, two-thirds of average; plums, good; peaches, poor.—J.E.A.

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Hammond.—Crop of black currants and gooseberries, good; early blackberries, light; late blackberries, fair; plums, fairly good; Italian prunes, medium; peaches very light. Almost all varieties of apples will be light and rather scabby.—C.P.M.

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South Salt Spring.—Apples will be a short crop owing to a late frost in May, about the first on record. Wealthy apples with me are a fair crop. Pears are short with Bartlett the best; plums, short; prunes, half a crop; sour cherries, fair; blackcherries, good; Loganberries, full; walnuts and filberts, heavy.—W.J.L.H.

Quebec Pomological Meeting

The 17th annual summer meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec, held at La Trappe, Que., on Aug. 24 and 25 was one of the most successful in the history of the association. The gathering was a representative one, fruit growers from the principal fruit sections of the province being present.

The Trappists are agriculturists, having about 500 acres of their 1,000 acre-estate under cultivation. Their fruit plantation covers some 70 acres and is in excellent condition. Professor Reynand is doing valuable work for the province, not only through his demonstration commercial orchard, but also in the good quality of information imparted to the 40 odd students in attendance at this college. The fruit crop is excellent, the trees on the whole being well covered. The fine stock of cattle indicates thoroughness in all branches and one is impressed on all sides by the fact that the Trappist Fathers are successful scientific farmers.

President Reynand welcomed the fruit growers of the province to La Trappe. He expressed satisfaction that through the co-operation of the Right-Rev. Father Abbot, he was able to entertain the association during their stay at La Trappe. Fourteen years ago a similar meeting was held here and since that some of the then active members have disappeared. As these have gone new members are coming along to fill their places, imparting new life and energy to the society and adorning the horticultural interests of the province. A similar evolution is evidenced in not only this particular but also in respect to varieties of fruits which are taking the place of older ones which in their day served their purpose well.

More attention should be paid to selection of variations in varieties in the propagation of our principal fruits and also in the use of good strong stock, for grafting on.

Forestry and its influence on the agricultural and horticultural problems deservedly was receiving more attention, for, in order to protect ourselves and develop the best agricultural and horticultural conditions, this subject must receive the thought and careful consideration of all fruit growers.

Lack of knowledge rather than lack of good-will retarded advancement in horticulture, concluded the president. Definite and concrete examples were looked for by those interested in fruit culture, and the aim of such institutions as Macdonald College and the community of the Trappist Fathers is to give this knowledge on a sound and practical basis. This community 25 years ago started in the virgin forest and the result shows what well directed effort will do.

The regular programme of the meeting was followed. Dr. J. Od Beaudry, presented an able paper on "Melon Culture." This paper will appear in full in a later issue. Professor Blair outlined the method followed in developing the Montreal market melon. He advised more care in the selection of strains, some of which were much better than others. Mr. Brodie followed, dealing with many of the good points of Dr. Beaudry's paper.

Capt. R. W. Shephard's paper on the Fameuse was a plea for more care in the selection of the best strains of this variety. He thought the variety in some instances showed marked signs of decline. This may be due to selection of scions indiscriminately, or to the use of stock which was not vigorous. It seems that the lack of vitality may also be due to lack of care in the development of the orchard. No doubt all of these factors contribute in a certain degree to the lack of vitality which is more or less noticeable in the trees of Fameuse now planted. Mr. Shepherd thinks the Fameuse should be considered the best variety for this province and that every effort should be made to keep it up to its old standard. Some effort should be made to encourage nurserymen to propagate from the best and most productive strains.

The address by Rev. Father Athanas, of La Trappe, on the cultivation of tomatoes and the canning of same was well presented. This paper will appear in a later issue. It contained many points of great value, especially in regard to the profits from this crop when home canned.

In discussing the reason why we lose money in the handling of orchards, Mr. R. Brodie thought more care should be paid to spraying, pruning, cultivation and marketing. Without careful attention, the result of years of work may not return a profit. He had yet to know of a year when, if the proper attention were given to these essentials, profit would not result. More care in selection of varieties and care in selection of the location were of prime importance.

Some other valuable papers were read. These will be reported in part or in full in the next issue of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

A resolution was passed unanimously and heartily thanking the Trappist Fathers for their kind hospitality, for the manner in which they facilitated the business of the sessions, and for their work in the interests of Quebec horticulture. A resolution was carried asking the government of Quebec for \$1,000 to defray the expenses of getting up an exhibit of fruits for Great Britain this fall.

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