

trade. Several of these papers will be published in *The Horticulturist*.

Among the prominent people at the convention were: Senator Robertson, the

Lieutenant Governor, who attended two sessions and spoke twice; Mayor Kelly, Alex. Martin, J. J. Hughes, M. P., and others.

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## NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS ARE WIDE AWAKE

THE annual convention of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association was held at Windsor, N. S., during the week of December 5. Fine addresses were presented throughout the sessions, a large number of interesting and profitable subjects being discussed by experts in various lines.

The fruit exhibits were one of the best features. The Ontario exhibit was the same as shown at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, it having been placed in cold storage immediately after that exhibition. A very creditable display was made from Prince Edward Island, consisting of 18 different varieties, while British Columbia was represented by four varieties. The New Brunswick exhibit, unfortunately, went astray while in transportation. About 20 varieties of Nova Scotia apples were displayed, making the finest collection on exhibition. The Elwanger & Barry Nurseries, of Rochester, N. Y., showed the best collection of pears ever exhibited at Windsor.

The officers chosen at the convention for the ensuing year were: President, Ralph S. Eaton, of Kentville; vice-president, John Donaldson, Port Williams; secretary, S. C. Parker, Berwick, and treasurer, G. W. Munro, Wolfville. The treasurer reported a balance on hand December 1, 1904, of \$1,893.36, which with the government grant added gave the society a balance of \$2,100. The secretary explained that \$750 was received for the Horton school equipment, when it was turned over to the new government college at Truro.

The president, Mr. Ralph S. Eaton, gave an interesting address. "The past season,"

he stated, "was a rather discouraging one to Nova Scotia fruit growers, following, as it did, the best year they have ever had. The spring of the year opened with marked freedom from diseases in orchards of any kind. Until nearly the middle of June the weather seemed so like that of the previous year, most growers sprayed only once, hoping for a duplicate of the season of 1903 in regard to the quality of their fruit. However, the black spot made a fearful inroad, especially in the greater part of King's county, more particularly on Gravensteins, Spys, Ben Davis, Baldwins, Russetts, and others. The action of the government in sending, as an object lesson, a power sprayer into the section was a commendable one." As the experiment cost the government but little, each orchardist having paid five cents for each tree sprayed, Mr. Eaton expressed a hope that the experiment will be repeated. A thoroughly successful trial in Hants, King and Annapolis counties, he believed, would be worth thousands of dollars to the industry.

The quality of the fruit this year has not alone been disappointing. The first of July the crop promised even heavier than last year, the largest record being 600,000 barrels, but on account of dropping of the fruit in the summer, lack of size and discount in quality, it is doubtful if Nova Scotia shipped half that number this year. The plum crop was rather light, and peaches were practically a failure.

### AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

The association took the initiative some six years ago in moving for the federation of the schools of agriculture and horticulture.