

"Somewhat along parallel lines, but referring to the direction of matters connected with the fruit interests of the country was the following:

"That in the opinion of this conference the time has arrived when the horticultural interests of the Dominion should be represented by a separated division under a chief directly responsible to the Minister of Agriculture."

The conference commended the bulletins and other information already issued by the Department, but requested the Minister to extend the work to a permanent treatise, with colored plates, permitting of the easy identification of varieties.

ADULTERATION OF JAMS, ETC.

A discussion upon adulteration of fruit products was introduced by Mr. McGill, analyst, of the Inland Revenue Department. He gave a careful examination of the products, such as glucose, apple pulp and coal dyes were introduced into jams, jellies and sauces. Out of 59 jams examined in 1904 fifteen were found to contain the pulp of one or more of the following fruits: One of 100 galls of blackberry, 19 strawberry jams, one genuine, and 12 plum jams, three genuine. Glucose being about three per cent. of the total weight. This undoubtedly a question of pecuniary gain that led manufacturers to use it. The law required the word "compound" to be printed on the label, and if frequently and inconspicuously printed, and it was stated that frequently purchasers were led to believe that it indicated some superior quality. Arising from this discussion the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, a large percentage of the jams and jellies labeled 'genuine' or 'pure' which are offered for sale in the Dominion are adulterated, and, whereas, the low prices quoted on these articles secure for them a ready sale to the disadvantage of the pure article."

"And whereas, the interests of the manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit growers and consumers are thereby impaired.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this conference urgently request the Federal Government to secure the immediate enforcement of the Pure Foods Act, and that the act be so amended as to compel the manufacturers of jams and jellies to print their formulas on their labels."

TIME LIMIT FOR FRUIT TRAINS

A resolution affecting directly the shipping interests and indirectly the growers asked that a minimum time limit of 12 miles per hour be placed upon fruit trains, that icing stations be established at divisional points, that daily reports of the location of cars be furnished shippers, and that until the railway companies furnish satisfactory equipment and service the rate for the transportation of apples shall correspond to the rate for flour.

The further resolution was asked that the subsidy now given to two steamship companies be given to one company that will guarantee weekly sailings of at least twelve knot boats.

The advisability of forming a Dominion Association of Fruit Growers came before the meeting, but it was thought unnecessary if the Minister of Agriculture would call a conference at suitable periods.

The convention was dismissed with a vote of thanks to the Minister of Agriculture, moved by Rev. Father Burke, of Prince Edward Island, and seconded by Mr. Martin Burrell, of Grand Forks, B.C.

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