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APPLE EXPORTERS.—A meeting of apple exporters has recently been held in the Board of Trade Rooms, Toronto, for the purpose of organizing for a better system of conducting their business. Other countries are year by year becoming stronger in opposition to us, and to hold our own against them concerted action is necessary. One of the most important points is the fixing of a standard by which buyers and exporters may buy and ship, as is done in grain and flour. The government standard, in the opinion of Mr. Shuttleworth, as at present constituted, is too high.

THE NEW FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION IN QUEBEC.—The programme of the meeting of this Association was good. Some of the subjects discussed were: "Best Market Varieties of Apples," "Grape Culture," "Plum Culture in the North," "Notes on the Varieties of Plums grown on the Island of Montreal," "Will it pay to Continue Growing the Fameuse Apple," "Fruit Packages," "Orchard Culture," etc. We wish this new enterprise great success.

THE PAWPAW, or Custard, apple (*Asimina triloba*) the tree of which is found in the Niagara Peninsula, is spoken of in the Rural Canadian as worthy of experimentation. The fruit is four or five inches long, banana shape, and grows in small clusters. The flesh is golden-yellow, soft and pulpy when ripe; and in parts where it is abundant it is made into pawpaw butter and pawpaw fritters. It would probably succeed in a large section of Ontario, and in a considerable area of British Columbia. Who knows what the cultivator and the hybridist may do for this fruit?