

Lambton. Thousands of barrels of the choicest apples, as well as many thousand baskets of plums and pears are shipped away every year.

Our fruit growers, however, have for some time felt the need of organization in buying their supplies and handling the output of their orchards. The apple barrel question forced itself upon us last season by the fact that we were forced to pay 50 cents, and in some cases 55 cents, for a poor and very unsatisfactory barrel.

After this experience a number of the leading fruit growers determined to solve the apple barrel question, and had almost perfected arrangements for the establishment of a stave, hoop and heading mill in Forest, to make their supplies out of timber reserved on some of their own farms, when the head of a wealthy syndicate arrived in Forest and completely bought the fruit growers' miller over. The company gave as its reason for this action the excuse that if the undertaking was a success small mills would spring up all over the province and greatly interfere with its business.

Rather than fight a wealthy firm, which was apparently determined not only to oppose them but corner the market, the fruit growers went out in search of barrel material, which they were able to buy early in January at prices that will give them a high class barrel at a little less than 30 cents each



**MR. A. LAWRIE.**

The secretary-treasurer of the Forest Fruit Growers' and Forwarding Association, Mr. A. Lawrie is here shown. As announced in this issue, Mr. Lawrie will this fall represent the association before the trade in the Northwest, where he expects to secure orders for the fruit packed and shipped by the association. He is a practical fruit grower and has had considerable business experience, so is well qualified for the work he has undertaken.

in their orchards. Shortly after this Mr. A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, delivered two very instructive lectures on the cooperative packing and shipping of fruit, which resulted in the formation of our association. As a result of the success already met with, prospects for the future success of our enterprise seem bright.

## THE SAN JOSE SCALE ACT

**D**URING August, The Horticulturist wrote to a number of leading fruit growers asking their views in regard to the prevalence of the San Jose Scale in Ontario and enquiring if they would like to see any further action taken to prevent its spread. A number of interesting replies have been received and will be published from time to time in The Horticulturist. The following communication was sent in by Mr. J. Fred.

Smith, of Glanford, provincial San Jose Scale inspector:

It is difficult to see in what way the provisions we now have for controlling the San Jose scale could be improved. The responsibility is now where it should be with the people. If the sentiment of a locality is not strong enough to force the council to appoint an inspector, or if they appoint an inspector and that sentiment is not strong