

the other that expert packers be sent this fall to the various districts to teach the Ontario packers the proper methods of grading and packing fruit in either boxes or barrels.

Mr. Montelth expressed himself as being much impressed with the necessity for such a line of work among the farmers and promised to do all in his power along the lines suggested.

## A STANDARD APPLE BOX ADOPTED

The bill promoted by Hon. Sydney Fisher, providing for a uniform sized apple box, which has passed its third reading in the House of Commons, meets the views generally of fruit growers and exporters. The standard size provided for is 10 x 11 x 22 inches, inside measure, or 2,200 cubic inches. It holds one bushel and is equivalent to one-third of a barrel.

Mr. David Henderson, M. P., put in a plea for a box 9 x 12 x 18 inches, one quarter of a barrel, which is the size used in the county of Halton, which he represents. Mr. Claude Macdonell presented the views of some Toronto shippers, favoring the size proposed for shipments to Great Britain, but smaller sizes to South Africa, France, Germany and other countries where different sizes are preferred, but the uniform size was adopted. The act will not come into force till June, 1906, so that this year's trade will not be affected.

The Fruit Growers' Associations of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia passed resolutions in favor of a uniform box of the size which has been incorporated in the bill.

That the fruit growers are in favor of a stand-

ard box will be seen by the following expressions of opinion, a few of many given to *The Horticulturist*:

It is a step in the right direction to have a legal box, for we will be able to get sale quotations based on the legal box and it will give us a more intelligent view of market situations.—(Harold Jones, Maitland, Ont.)

It is a mistake to have different sizes in boxes. In the past we have not known where we were at. The size adopted is the right one.—(S. M. Culp, Beamsville, Ont.)

I approve of Hon. Sydney Fisher's resolution respecting apple boxes. There ought to be some standard size and the boxes should be of good timber, well seasoned.—(R. A. Thomas, Barrie, Ont.)

A standard size for apple boxes is all right. The boxes should be of No. 1 timber. A box shown at the Toronto exhibition had sides only half an inch thick, which is too thin for exporting. A square box of the same size would be stronger and better. However, I prefer the barrel to the box.—(Ed. Veale, Mount Brydges, Ont.)

## A Series of Instructive Meetings

The Niagara Peninsula United Fruit Growers' Association strengthened itself among the fruit growers of the Niagara district as a result of the series of meetings under its auspices during the second week of March. The meetings were held at Stoney Creek, Beamsville, Jordan Station, Queenston and St. Catharines. Two meetings were held each day, and the attendance and interest were well sustained. Mr. C. M. Honsberger, president, and Mr. C. E. Fisher, secretary, made the necessary arrangements. The subjects specified on the program were San Jose scale work, diseases of the grape, and cooperation and organization among fruit growers. In addition to well known local fruit growers, such as Messrs. W. H. Bunting, E. D. Smith, A. H. Pettit, Erland Lee, S. H. Rittenhouse, W. C. McCalla, L. Woolverton, Joseph Tweddle, R. Thompson, H. Griffith, S. M. Culp, W. H. Lee, F. A. Goring, F. G. Stewart, Rev. W. J. Andrews, Isaac Usher, Wm. Armstrong, Chas. Lowrey and W. M. Hendershot, two outside speakers, Prof. Lochhead, of Guelph, and Mr. W. T. Macoun, of Ottawa, divided the meetings, dealing chiefly with diseases of the grape.

Mr. A. N. Brown, an extensive and experienced fruit grower of Wyoming, Delaware, was present at the meetings and spoke twice daily, his addresses being full of interest and instruction. He is a many-sided man of pleasing ad-

dress, and won golden opinions from those with whom he came in contact.

Arrangements have been made by the association to supply members with spraying materials at wholesale rates. There can be no excuse for neglect in the matter of spraying this season.

**The Deseronto Workers.**—The season of 1904 was one of the most successful in the history of the Deseronto Horticultural Society. The annual flower show given by this society is becoming one of the events of the year, and the last show held was the largest and best ever given. The competition in classes for best kept lawns and grounds was keen, and great interest aroused. Prospects for the coming season are good, as the members are anxious to make an even better record than the past year. Mr. D. McClew was re-elected president and Mr. R. W. Lloyd as secretary.

The premiums distributed this year by the Durham Horticultural Society will consist of fruit trees, evergreens, flowering shrubs, gladioli and geraniums. The members of this society are taking more interest in their surroundings than heretofore, and much rivalry is expected in competing for prizes for the best kept grounds and lawns of the members. The membership is constantly increasing and the society is a power for good in this community.—(Chris. Firth, Sec'y.)