

THE DOMINION CONVENTION OF FRUIT GROWERS.

ORGANIZATION—ENCOURAGEMENT OF FRUIT GROWERS—BRITISH
COLUMBIA AS A FRUIT COUNTRY—TRANSPORTATION
OF FRUIT, ETC.

THIS first Dominion Convention of fruit growers was a complete success. Indeed so important was it regarded as a means of furthering the interest of the fruit industry of Canada that a permanent organization was effected under the name of "The Dominion Horticultural Association," and a grant has been requested from the Dominion Government for the sum of \$3,000 per annum to cover the necessary expenses. The following officers have been elected for the first year, viz.: President, Prof. D. P. Penhallow, of Montreal; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Dunlop, of Montreal; Vice-Presidents, the presidents of the provincial fruit growers' associations; Statistician, Mr. Geo. Johnson, of Ottawa.

Anyone may become a member of this Association upon payment of the annual fee of \$2.00 and be allowed to compete for the very liberal prizes offered for fruit exhibits at the annual meetings; but members of any one of the provincial associations may become members of this one on payment of \$1.00. Voting power is, however, confined to delegates, and the votes are distributed among the various provinces in the following manner, viz.: Ontario, six; Quebec, four; Nova Scotia, three; British Columbia, two; and one each to the Provinces of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and one to the North-West Territories. A larger number of delegates may be sent, but the number of votes is fixed as above.

We have not sufficient space to give anything like a complete report of the proceedings, which have been taken down verbatim and will be published in due time, but a few notes may be of interest to those who had not the privilege of attending.

The meeting was opened by the Hon. John Carling, who, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the delegates to Ottawa, and expressed the deep interest which the Dominion Government had taken in the extension of the fruit industry and the readiness with which both sides of the House had provided the grant required for the successful conduct of this convention.

Prof. Penhallow, in his address as presiding officer, gave some account of the various provincial organizations, and, in speaking of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, paid it a high tribute for the excellent work which it had accomplished in the introduction of new and valuable varieties of fruit and in the publication of a monthly journal which he characterised as the best work on Canadian horticulture extant.

Prof. Saunders, in his address, said it might be interesting to know that the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association owed its first legislative grant to the