

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

A LARGE NUMBER OF FRUIT GROWERS met at Grimsby on the 12th of March, to discuss freight rates, and the best methods of packing and shipping fruit. There were two Commission Merchants present, viz., J. T. McBride, of Montreal, and G. N. Hunt, of Ottawa, whose addresses were closely listened to. They advocated more careful handling, better grading, and better packing of our tender fruits; and the shipping in refrigerator car lots to save freight.

POSSIBILITIES OF AGRICULTURE in the Yukon District is the title of a recent bulletin issued from the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, prepared by the Director. As stated by him, "With the comparatively low temperatures all through the summer, the prevalence of frost during the early part of June, and again before the end of August, which shortens the growing season at both ends, there seems to be no prospect of ever being much done in the way of agriculture in such a climate." The bulletin proceeds to give a list of fodder crops and vegetables which may be grown with success.

SEVERAL CARLOADS of American nursery stock arrived at the border on the day the San José Scale act was passed at Ottawa. The Minister of Customs refused them admittance. This will be serious loss to those American nurserymen who had made the sales in Canada, but of course the interests of our fruit growers generally are more important than those of a few individuals. We must stamp out and keep out this pest, lest our orchards become ruined and the best markets of the world be closed to our fruits. What would be the prospects of the Canadian fruit grower, if England and Germany, and other great markets should bar our fruits? We must have

these and other new markets, or go out of the business of growing fruit.

FRUITS NOT BARRED OUT. — The Dominion Act does not prohibit the importation of fruit from countries infested with San José scale. Our own Provincial Act makes it unlawful to import or sell such fruit, and it would be a great additional safe-guard if the Dominion Act could also have been made to include it. The following remarks on this head are from Farming.

"Recently the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association urged upon the Dominion Minister of Agriculture that the Government should prohibit the importation of foreign fruits into Canada, because of the danger from bringing in the San José scale. The Winnipeg Board of Trade took the matter up, and has received word from Mr. Fisher that the prohibition of the importation of foreign fruits is practically impossible. Such a prohibition would be manifestly unfair to the people of Manitoba, who depend largely upon California for fresh fruit. No pears, plums or peaches are grown in Manitoba and the North-west, and nearly every attempt to bring fruit from British Columbia or Ontario has resulted in loss, therefore the prohibition of foreign fruit coming into the country would almost deprive Manitoba of these luxuries.

GODERICH. — At the last meeting of the Goderich Horticultural Society, Mr. Wm. Warnock gave a paper on "How to use Fertilizers." He showed the importance of cultivation in connection with fertilizers, as otherwise much fertility might remain in the soil. For tomatoes he discouraged the use of stable manure as causing them to run too much to vine; he advised a fertilizer that is a complete manure, applying a handful to each plant