

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

VANCOUVER, B. C., January 9th, 1900.

Pursuant to call, the Annual Meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' and Horticultural Association was held in the Court House, Vancouver, at 10.30 a. m.

There were present—Tom Wilson, President, J. R. Anderson, W. H. Hayward, H. Kipp, W. J. Brandrith, R. M. Palmer, T. A. Sharpe, and the Secretary, T. R. Pearson. F. T. Shutt, Esq., Chemist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and C. Marker, Esq., Dominion Dairy Commissioner in the North-West, were also present.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and adopted.

Mr. Sharpe brought up the subject of holding a summer show. A discussion followed, taken part in by R. M. Palmer, W. J. Brandrith, H. Kipp, J. R. Anderson and W. H. Hayward.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Sharpe, Palmer, Pearson and Hayward, was appointed to report on the subject.

Meeting adjourned at 12.30 p. m.

Meeting re-assembled at 2.45 p. m. Tom Wilson, President, in the Chair.

Report of Committee on Adulteration of Jams and Jellies was presented.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE QUESTION OF ADULTERATION OF JAMS AND PRESERVES.

Your Committee have the honour to report as follows:—

In pursuance of instructions, a further sample of jam was procured and transmitted to Mr. H. Carmichael, Provincial Analyst, with a request that a thorough analysis be made of it by himself, in conjunction with Dr. Fagan, Dominion Analyst.

A letter was also addressed to Dr. Fagan, a copy of which is appended with his reply, by which it will be seen that the matter has been referred to the Chief Analyst at Ottawa by Dr. Fagan.

Your Committee therefore deem it inexpedient, pending a reply from that official, to expend any more of the funds of the Association; and, in view of the probability of the matter being taken up in a comprehensive manner by the Dominion authorities, recommend that further time be granted.

All of which is duly submitted.

J. R. ANDERSON, } Committee.
R. M. PALMER, }

Victoria, January 3rd, 1899.

“DEPARTMENT OF MINES,
“VICTORIA, January 26th, 1899.

“J. R. Anderson, Esq.,
“Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

“DEAR SIR,—I have examined the sample of jam, marked Strawberry, submitted to me by you.

“A microscopic examination would appear to show that it contained very little strawberry, and that the bulk is made up of some other substances, a portion of which is probably apple.

“I have strong reason for believing that the mixture is coloured with an aniline dye, which is deleterious to health.