

to justify the existence of the National Fruit Growers' Association.

Your Committee hope that, even under the difficult circumstances obtaining this year, tangible results will be secured from the Dominion Government. They consider that under more fortunate circumstances and with the united representations of all fruit growers, action could be taken on the tariff and on other matters much along the lines we are at present advocating.

Re AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The members of your Committee, and particularly Mr. Abriel, urged on the Committee the desirability in future of having the fruit growing witnesses present at the same time and of their being given time to confer before their testimony is presented. The members of the Committee are favorably disposed towards this course, as is Mr. Burrell. The necessity for co-operation was impressed on Nova Scotia and Ontario men, particularly on Messrs. Chute and Johnson and on the Executives of the Ontario and Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Associations. As a result, we feel fairly certain that witnesses on the fruit industry will be called every session and will be given opportunity to confer before the hearings commence.

RECOMMENDATIONS Re LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This being the first year of the operations of the Committee, much of the work was largely preliminary, and your Committee considers the information and the experience acquired by the visit to Ottawa and the discussions with Ontario and Nova Scotia men to have been of great importance in laying the foundation for future usefulness.

We consider that your Committee must, in its representations to the Dominion Government:—

(1) Work in harmony with similar Committees of other Associations or must, at least, be supported by resolutions of these other Associations for the measures it advocates. Absence of such support greatly weakened our case this year; it was used against us at every turn, and your Committee had to show that the other witnesses were not as fully acquainted with their own conditions as we were.

(2) The Legislative Committee should be present at Ottawa during the session in connection with the Agricultural