

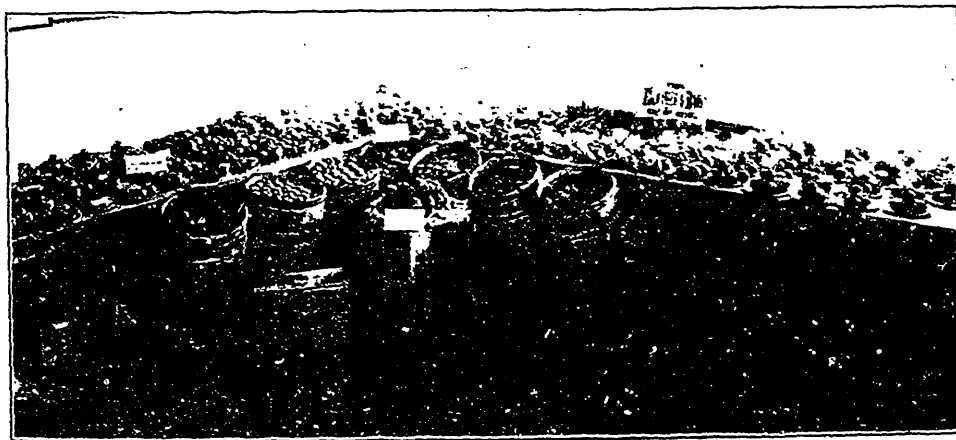
province than within, although his leadership is there universally admitted. The manner in which the meetings were managed and the enthusiasm and spirit of enquiry they aroused was most noticeable. Nothing but questions of vital interest were considered, and they were discussed so thoroughly as to give general satisfaction.

The principal speakers were Messrs. Alex. McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Division, Ottawa; Mr. W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, both of whom are very popular with the Island's fruit growers; Saxby Blair, Horticulturist, Nappan, N. S., and G. H. Vroom, D. F. I., of Middleton, N. S., who are becoming noted in the Maritime Provinces as horticultural authorities. All the speakers gave splendid satisfaction. Mr. McNeill spoke on "Varieties in Canadian Orchards," "The Fruit Marks Act" and "Cooperation"; Mr. Macoun, on "Guides to success in fruit culture," "The work at the Farms," "Strawberries," and answered many interesting questions in the question box.

The president's address was one of those comprehensive reviews of the horticultural

situation for which Father Burke is noted. Its salient note was the one advocating co-operative packing houses for the Island where the grading, packing and storing of apples would be done, as well as jamming, canning and evaporating. Attention was drawn to the value of a Canadian congress of fruit growers. A touching moment was reached when the president asked the assemblage to stand and attest its condolence with the families of the members who died during the year.

Among the subjects on the program, all of which proved interesting, were: An address by Dr. Fletcher, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Pollination of Apple Blossoms, T. Ross, B. A.; Cranberry Culture, C. R. Dickey; Commercial Orchardring, Senator Ferguson, who is a most enthusiastic fruit grower; Plum Culture, D. J. Stewart; Some Difficulties of Island Horticulture, John Johnstone, and Further Notes on My Experimental Orchard, W. C. White. Demonstrations were given by representatives of the Dominion Fruit Division of the proper grading, packing and marking of fruit for the home and export



Fruit Exhibit at the Recent Convention of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association.

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