

FRUIT GROWERS WHO HAVE CO-OPERATED

FRUIT growers living in the vicinity of Forest, in Lambton county, have organized and formed the Forest Fruit Growers' and Forwarding Association. The officers are: D. Johnson, president; D. Simmons, vice-president; A. Lawrie, secretary-treasurer; H. J. Pettypiece, M. P. P.; D. Campbell, H. Hodgson, R. Macken, D. Dunham and R. E. Scott, directors.

It is the intention of the association to build up a business in Northern Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. With this object it has been decided to send the secretary, Mr. A. Lawrie, who is an experienced business man, as well as a fruit grower, to visit the leading cities in these districts to solicit orders.

The curling rink in Forest has been

rented and will be used as a central packing house for the purpose of grading and packing the fruit of the members. Early in July the association sent out a circular to prospective buyers announcing that it would fill all orders promptly and with high class fruit.

Meetings are held every two weeks dur-

ing the fruit season, and the members are determined to build up a reputation as honest growers and shippers. All fall apples and pears will be shipped in iced refrigerator cars to the Northwest, and while it is expected that the greater part of the winter apples will also be disposed of there the association has prepared to receive orders from Ontario dealers.



Gathering the Crop in a Western Ontario Orchard.

Apple pickers and packers at work in the orchard of Mr. James Johnson, of Forest, Ont., are here shown. This orchard is on the shore of Lake Huron and produced last year 1800 barrels of apples and 5000 baskets of plums. There are 30 acres under apples and 15 under plums. For 10 years Mr. Johnson has been a firm believer in spraying and the cultivation of orchards. Owing to an over-production of fruit last season, Mr. Johnson put up large quantities of peaches, plums and pears in glass, handsomely labelled, and also considerable quantities of fruit pulp, which during the slack winter season were made into jam and jellies. This season a cooper shop has been built in the orchard, which has enabled Mr. Johnson to manufacture his own barrels at a little more than 30 cents each. In the illustration Mr. Johnson may be seen standing at the extreme left of the picture, while his son, Mr. D. Johnson, president of the Forest Fruit Growers' and Forwarding Association, is on the extreme right.

An interesting description of how the association came to be formed has been furnished The Horticulturist by the president, Mr. D. Johnson. The section where our members live, writes Mr. Johnson, is one of the best and largest fruit growing districts in Ontario. It is situated along the lake shore of the northern part of the county of