

THE VEGETABLE GROWERS HAVE ORGANIZED

The vegetable growers of Ontario have organized and formed the Vegetable Growers' Association of Ontario. Organization was completed at a representative meeting held in Toronto March 25. Those present included Messrs. W. C. Emory, Aldershot; E. J. Mahoney, Hamilton; W. C. McCalla, St. Catharines; A. McMeans, Brantford; J. Terrill, Picton; W. Carter, Dovercourt; Joseph Rush, F. F. Reeves, Humber Bay; John McKay, Doncaster; George Syme, jr., Carlton West; R. Lankin, Toronto; J. W. Hyatt, West Lake, Ont.; H. D. Anderson, Dresden; John F. Atkin, Sarnia; Mr. Porter, York; P. W. Hodgetts, secretary Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and H. B. Cowan, of The Horticulturist.

Mr. G. A. Putnam, Supt. of Farmers' Institutes, addressed the meeting and offered to assist the vegetable growers of the province every way in his power. Speakers would be sent by the department to their meetings, and he was willing to assist in the work of organization.

A report of a sub-committee which had been at work drafting a constitution was presented by Mr. Cowan, and after careful consideration was adopted with one or two amendments. The preamble states:

"The object of the association shall be the advancement of the science and art of vegetable growing, in all its branches, by holding meetings for the discussion of questions relative thereto, and by collecting, arranging and disseminating useful information, and by such other means as may from time to time seem desirable."

Local associations may be formed in any part of Ontario and their membership fee shall be one dollar a year. Their annual meetings must be held during December of each year. Each local association has the right to appoint a director to the board of the provincial association and shall hold office for one year. Associations may be formed with ten members. The provincial association will pay the expenses of one director from each association having a membership of 25 or over, when attending meetings of the provincial board. Associations having a smaller membership than 25 may elect a direc-

tor but must pay his expenses. Each director will have a vote on the provincial board for every 25 members in his local association. The directors will elect from among themselves a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

Local associations will send the secretary of the provincial association fifty cents for each of their members, which will constitute the members of the local association's members of the provincial association, shall entitle them to free copies of the official organ of the association, to free copies of the report of the annual convention, and such other printed material as may be issued by the provincial association. The Canadian Horticulturist was appointed the official organ of the association. Individual growers not connected with local associations may join the provincial association by sending one dollar to the secretary of the provincial association.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

On motion those present at the meeting were elected provisional directors until the local associations can elect directors regularly at their annual meetings next December. Associations already in existence but not represented at the meeting will be allowed to elect provisional directors to the provincial board.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. W. C. Emory being selected as president; Mr. Jos. Rush as vice-president, and Mr. H. B. Cowan as secretary-treasurer. These officers were appointed a committee, with power to add to their numbers, to wait on the Hon. Nelson Monteith, to ask for a grant for the association; that the Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show shall be extended to include vegetables, and that the experts at the agricultural college be asked to devote more attention to matters pertaining to the growing of vegetables. The meeting was an enthusiastic one. Those present dispersed feeling that the new association has possibilities for splendid work ahead of it. Copies of the constitution adopted may be had on application to The Canadian Horticulturist. An organizer may be placed on the road to form local associations.

COOPERATIVE WORK AMONG FRUIT GROWERS

P. W. HODGETTS, SEC'Y ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

A strong deputation representing the cooperative committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association waited on the Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, early in March, to impress on him the necessity for assisting in every way the cooperative movement among the fruit growers. There were president Messrs. A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton; Robt. Thompson, of St. Catharines; A. W. Peart, of Burlington; W. A. Ross, of Chatham; Mr. Johnson, of Forest; Elmer Lick, of Oshawa, together with President Alex. McNeill and the secretary. A strong statement as to the losses sustained by the fruit growers under the present system of selling the crop was presented to Mr. Monteith, together with a brief account from each

of the cooperative associations represented, as to the benefits which had accrued to their members the past year when prices were low.

As an aid to the successful carrying on of this work in the future, it was suggested that the department might revise and extend the present "Act for the Incorporation of Cooperative Cold Storage Companies" so as to include cooperative packing companies. This extension would also assist financially in the purchase, erection and equipment of suitable buildings for storage or packing purposes to the extent of one-fifth of such cost.

Two other suggestions were made, one asking that a number of power sprayers be operated this year throughout the province;