

We expect also Director Mr. Saunders, Horticulturist Craig of the Dominion Central Experimental Farm to be present and address the meeting.

There will be a fruit table for samples of fruits and flowers from various parts of Ontario, and notes of anything shown which is of interest will be taken by the Fruit Committee for publication.

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THE HAMBURGH EXPOSITION of 1896 is to take place next summer, and a letter has just come to hand from the Committee for publication. It appears that no trouble will be spared to make it a grand success, and that horticulture is to receive very special attention.

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A VERY LATE PLUM.—On the 10th of October Mr. A. M. Smith of St. Catharines sent us a blue plum which he esteems valuable on account of its late season. It is medium size, round, very dark, with greyish bloom; flesh tender, sugary, delicious. He also sends a red plum, of about same size, and season, but much inferior in quality.

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FRUIT FOR HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY.—On Tuesday the 20th ult., we had a call from two prominent citizens of Hamilton, Mr. Anthony Copp, and Mr. Heard. The object was to secure a shipment of some choice Canadian fruit to be forwarded to the Queen. The idea was that this would advertise Canada's fruit in the most effectual manner, and lead to a great demand in Britain for it. It was agreed that several cases containing each a different variety of fruit, should be sent forward, including such varieties of apples as King, Spy, Cranberry, and Snow; the best Roger grapes, and several varieties of pears.

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THE GOVERNORS OF THE DAIRY SCHOOL at Kingston have kindly offered to the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, the free use of the lecture-room of the Dairy School, for our annual meeting in December. The date chosen, December 1st, at 7.30 p.m., seems to be generally accepted as the most satisfactory. We hope to have some consideration given to the relationship between the two interests. Can dairymen profitably add the orchard to their cares, and can the fruit grower also add the dairy without neglecting his fruit? We expect a paper on this subject from some prominent dairyman.

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DR. SAUNDERS, Director of the Experimental Farm Systems of the Dominion, has just returned from an extended tour of inspection, as far west as British Columbia. He reports that the fruit crop was much injured by cold, wet weather in blossoming period, but that on the whole the fruit crop of that country is becoming more important each year. The outlet is largely east throughout the North-West territories and to Manitoba, and better freight rates having been secured, the returns to growers are become more satisfactory. He has now under test at Agassiz about 2,000 different varieties of fruits, for the benefit of the fruit growers of the province.