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THE NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Fifty-Eighth Annual Meeting Held in Bridgetown Last Week Was Considered One of the Most Successful in the History of the Organization

The Officers, delegates and visitors to attend the 58th annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association arrived here via Tuesday's express (Jan. 17th). Nearly all coming from the east. Nearly all were accommodated at the Riverside Inn, while a few were entertained by friends at private residences. The visitors were met at the trains by Mr. E. A. Hicks, (president of our Board of Trade) and other residents of the town. The visitors enjoyed themselves during the afternoon in sight seeing around town and renewing old acquaintances as this same organization met here a few years ago.

TUESDAY EVENING

The first session opened in the Primrose Theatre at 7:30 Tuesday evening. In the absence of the President, Manning Ellis, who is in Florida, the chair was occupied by Mr. G. H. Vroom, of Middleton, Vice-President of the Association and government fruit inspector.

After the opening prayer by Rev. E. Underwood, Rector of St. James' Parish, Mr. Frank Foster, of Kingston, Secretary, read the President's address, which was listened to with much interest by the large audience present.

Mayor W. A. Warren, of Bridgetown, gave the officers and members an address of welcome. A. E. McMahon, of Kentville, gave a very appropriate reply.

Prof. John M. Trueman gave a very instructive address on "Home Grown Crops" and answered the questions from the audience in a manner which proved that he was fully acquainted with the important subject under discussion.

The illustrated address of Prof. W. H. Brittain on the "Present Status of Apple Sucker" was exceedingly interesting and was the last regular subject discussed Tuesday evening.

After this address Mr. A. R. Bishop, proprietor of the Primrose Theatre, where the sessions were being held, kindly put on an eight reel picture, free of charge especially for the benefit of the visitors. Messrs. M. W. Graves & Co. had continually on tap at the theatre two barrels of new apple cider which were greatly enjoyed by the delegates as well as providing a good advertisement for what is known as the cider and vinegar town of Nova Scotia.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday morning's session opened at 9:30 with Mr. G. H. Vroom, Vice-President, in the chair. The greater portion of the morning was occupied listening to the address of Mr. B. Leslie Emslie, Consulting Agricultural Commissioner, the subject of his address being "Fertilizers in the Orchard." The audience listened with much interest as were asked him, all of which were gladly answered.

The next speaker was Mr. W. O. Creighton, of East River, Pictou Co., N.S., his subject being "Strawberry Culture." It was very much regretted that this could not have been taken up earlier in the morning. The subject is an interesting one to Nova Scotia fruit growers and especially those residing in the Annapolis Valley. The morning session closed at 12:30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After luncheon and before the opening of the afternoon's session the delegates and visitors attending the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association accepted an invitation to the warehouse of the Banner Fruit Co., which is located near the Dominion Atlantic Railway station and there witnessed an exhibition of dusting machines and dusting, the same as is now recommended by many as the proper way of treating young and old orchards.

Two makes of dusters were shown, one by the Perfect Spray Co., of Mahone and the other the Lloyd Mfg. Co., of Kentville. The latter was in charge of Mr. P. A. Lydiard, who exhibited a very compact nice running outfit, the Duster being the well known Niagara type which they are now manufacturing in their own shops and have equipped with ball bearings, increased size and width of fan and agitator Pulleys, making it a very easy running machine. The Ball Bearings used, have a double row of balls and are of a type used in Dynamo and other high speed work. Fill these bearings with a good quality of compression grease and you do not need to attend to them again before you are through dusting. As the castings of this machine are all made of aluminum, it gives lightest possible weight with necessary stability. Attached to this machine was a 3 h.p. "Novo" frost proof engine, all mounted on skids, making a very compact and attractive outfit. The Lloyd Mfg. Co., Limited, are the valley agents for the "Novo" frost proof engines (which are made either for gas or kerosene) many of which have been in operation since the first Niagara Spray Outfit came into the valley, and are still going strong. Two very desirable features about this engine are, that it is upright, taking very little space, and it is guaranteed against damage from frost if the water in the hopper is allowed to freeze. Last year the Lloyd Mfg. Co. manufactured seventy-five dusting machines for the United Fruit Companies. These were of the Johnson type.

The regular session opened in the Primrose Theatre at 2:30, with Vice-President Vroom in the chair. The first speaker was W. T. Macoun of Ottawa, who spoke on "Horticulture in the West." He gave a splendid description of the raising of small fruits as well as apples. There is probably no place in Canada as well adapted for growing large strawberries than the Gordon Head farms at Victoria, B.C. The fruit is not as good as that raised in Nova Scotia but it grows larger and presents a very attractive appearance when marketed. He also gave information concerning the growing and marketing of British Columbia and Ontario apples.

The next speaker was J. A. Ruddock, of Ottawa, on "The Precooling of Fall Apples Before Shipping" or in other words the advisability of establishing cold storage plants for this purpose.

Prof. M. Cumming, of Truro, spoke on the same subject. He advocated the cooling of our present warehouses by some such means as fans or some inexpensive appliance until the fruit growers became more familiar with the subject.

He was followed by Mr. A. E. McMahon, manager of the United Fruit Companies, Kentville. He was very familiar with this subject having at one time decided to put in one or more large cold storage plants especially for the precooling of gravenstein and other early varieties before shipping, but after going into the matter more fully his company decided that such plants would be too expensive in return for the work they would accomplish.

The next speaker was Mr. G. H. Vroom, who talked on the same subject and also referred to the packing and handling of apples and advocated that more care be taken from the time they left the orchard until they reached the English market.

The last speaker at the afternoon session was Prof. W. S. Blair, manager of the Experimental Farm, at Kentville, N.S., who has just returned from a trip to England. He was asked to speak on "Items of Interest Learned in the English Market." He also referred to the matter of precooling the shipments and advocated that we use our night air, showing up to the audience the vast difference between the temperature at night from the middle of September to the first of October, also the difference in October and the lesser difference in November. He said considerable benefit would arise from storing our apples in open, ventilated sheds instead of warm, closed in warehouses. He said our apples reached

the English market as a whole in a much better condition than he expected to find them. The large shipments of boxed fruit from British Columbia and Ontario have now been consumed, which leaves a good open market for present shipments but he asked "what have we now to send?" The present varieties going forward are alright when they are not in too strong a competition with other apples. He said that what we should have is an apple as firm as the Ben Davis and of the quality of the Spy. Mr. Macoun, at Ottawa, had made some good experiments along these lines but the success with which he had met in Ontario and Quebec would not apply to Nova Scotia as the same variety of apples growing in the Maritime Provinces were not of the same flavor and firmness as those grown in the inland provinces, this to be understood to refer only to the experiments made at Ottawa along these lines. Prof. Blair also stated that the Nova Scotia Fruit exhibit at the London show was certainly a big advertisement for our fruit. "Of course," he said, "there are people who do not believe in advertising, but I have always noticed that the biggest advertiser in any line of goods always does the biggest business."

All the addresses Wednesday afternoon proved very interesting, the speakers holding the closest attention of the large audience present.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday night's session of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association was also largely attended. Mr. G. P. Raymond, of Berwick, read a very interesting paper by Prof. Geo. E. Sanders, formerly of Entomological Laboratory at Annapolis Royal, but who has accepted a more lucrative position in the United States. The subject of this address was "Recent Results from Dust Spraying." Many questions were asked all of which were replied to by Mr. Keisall, of the Annapolis station.

The other speakers were Mr. C. W. Baxter, who gave an illustrated address, showing many interesting views of apple and small fruit culture.

Mr. W. A. Macoun, of Ottawa, also spoke on the "Growing and Marketing of Certified Seed Potatoes." Among the prominent men from various parts of the province who arrived here Wednesday to attend the sessions were Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, who came in his private car "Nova Scotia" attached to the west-bound express. He was accompanied by Mr. F. G. J. Comeau, General Freight Agent of the same railway system. They returned to Kentville Thursday morning. All the delegates had a pleasant time and were loud in their praises of Bridgetown as a convenient place in which to hold a convention.

THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday morning's session, which opened at 9:30 o'clock, was devoted to business. The following resolutions were moved, seconded and passed, some without discussion while others called forth many remarks:

A FRUIT BREEDING DIVISION

WHEREAS, varieties of fruit grown in Nova Scotia, while of excellent quality, are lacking in uniformity in color due to the Maritime situation; and whereas, this difficulty could be overcome in the development of new sorts of Nova Scotian origin having better color; and whereas, this work could be carried on at the Experimental Station, Kentville, by the employment of a trained man to take up this work.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this convention of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers now assembled petition the Federal Department of Agriculture to have such a Division established for the purpose of developing new sorts of apples suitable to our conditions, particularly with reference to late keeping varieties.

Moved by J. Howe Cox, seconded by A. S. Banks, and passed.

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Prof. W. S. Blair, the same having been examined and found correct by the auditors:—

In Account with W. S. Blair, Treas. Town of Dartmouth Bonds dated July 2nd, 1918—30 years interest payable July 2nd and January 2nd, Deposited, Bank of Nova Scotia, Kentville

Dec. 31st, 1920, Balance on hand

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION GORDON-PROVIDENCE UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Hartz, Who Preached the Dedication Sermon Fifty Years Ago, Preached the Jubilee Sermon Last Sunday to a Large Congregation

The Jubilee celebration of the Gordon-Providence United Church, which extends for a week, opened in what it was known when it was built, fifty years ago, as the Providence Methodist Church, at eleven o'clock last Sunday morning in the presence of a large congregation. Besides the first pastor of the church, Rev. Hartz, there were on the platform three other former pastors, Rev. Dr. C. Jost and Rev. W. H. Langille. In the absence of the present pastor, Rev. John H. Freestone, who was conducting a morning service at Bentville, another portion of the Methodist circuit, the service in Bridgetown was conducted by Rev. W. H. Langille. The music was furnished by a full choir under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Messenger. Besides special music the following appropriate hymns were sung: Nos. 56, 59 and 53.

Rev. Mr. Langille and congregation read 46th psalm after which he appropriately introduced the preacher of the morning, Rev. Dr. Hartz, now over 80 years of age, who was the first preacher in this church when it was dedicated, fifty years ago. Mr. Hartz, who had already made a beautiful prayer, said that before commencing his sermon, he would like to ask all those who were present in the congregation Sunday morning who were also present fifty years ago, to hold up their right hand. There were only three besides Mr. Hartz himself, Mr. F. Parker, Mrs. W. Fowler and Mrs. A. R. Bishop, the latter the present organist. Mr. Hartz selected for his text a portion of the seventh verse of the thirty second chapter of Job, "Days Should Speak," the subject of his address being "The Messages of Days." He thanked the Lord for the privilege of coming back to Bridgetown on the fiftieth anniversary of his first sermon in this church to again address a congregation of the successors of those who had passed away. He said that time was the only gift in which God had stinted us for he never gives us a second minute until the first has been taken away. He congratulated the church on its prosperity and for the many good things that had been bestowed upon it during the past fifty years.

Mr. Hartz said that he always remembered that Mr. Angus Gidney, the founder of Bridgetown's first newspaper, had told him that he could always tell when a great religious revival was about to start in Bridgetown. Mr. Hartz impressed on the congregation the value of prayer and he wished them to have for their watchword "Forward." "Write it in your homes, write it in your Sabbath schools and write it before your pulpit, said the aged preacher. If time permitted he would like to have referred to many of his old Bridgetown friends, he could not omit, however, the names of the late Rev. Thomas H. Davies and John Randolph. He also referred to an address presented to him during his pastorate between 1870 and 73, signed by a hundred and fifteen names, only six of whom are now living: John H. Hicks, Washington W. Chesley, Louis Dickie, Phineas Phinney, Oliver Chute and Henry Fredericks.

He also read a list of the regular pastors of the church from 1870 to the present date:—

1870—73, Rev. W. H. Hartz, D. D.

1873—74, S. F. Houstis, D. D.

1874—76, A. S. DesBrisay, who died here in October, 1876.

1877—80, Caleb Parker.

1880—82, D. W. Johnson, D. D.

1882—86, C. Jost, D. D.

1886—89, J. G. Angwin.

1889—92, F. H. Wright.

1892—96, J. B. Giles.

1896—99, J. Strothard.

1899—02, E. B. Moore.

1902—05, Benj. Hills.

1905—07, W. H. Langille.

1907—10, G. F. Johnson.

1910—14, B. J. Porter.

1914—18, A. R. Reynolds.

1918—20, J. W. Swetnam.

1920—21, Geo. T. Bryant, during this year Union with Presbyterian Church was consummated and name be-

came Gordon-Providence United Church.

1920— John H. Freestone.

Mr. Hartz said he could hardly realize, but it gave him great pleasure to do so, that they had with them this morning the officers, members and congregation of the Gordon Memorial Presbyterian Church and he knew that if the Rev. Donald Gordon who was pastor of that church fifty years ago could speak, he would favor the union, for he was a broad minded Christian gentleman and one of the noblest sons of Prince Edward Island. The entire sermon of which the above is but a short synopsis, was one of the best ever listened to in this edifice and was all the more remarkable when we consider the preacher's age and the fact that both the dedication and Jubilee sermons were preached by the same person. After Mr. Langille had thanked Mr. Hartz for his able and much appreciated address the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Jost, thus bringing to a close the first session of one of the most important historical events in the religious life of Bridgetown. Dr. Hartz was the guest of Dr. M. E. Armstrong, Recording Secy. of the Church, and brother of the Hon. E. H. Armstrong.

At the close of Sunday morning's service Dr. Hartz was personally introduced to many members of the congregation, many of whom he had met during previous visits to Bridgetown, as well as while stationed in other provincial towns.

Sunday night's preacher in the same church was the Rev. John H. Freestone, the present pastor, whose subject was "The Glory of the Outreach." The big storm which commenced about five o'clock and continued all night prevented many from attending the evening service who had planned to be there.

A profusion of flowers went into the decorative scheme around the altar. Narcissus was the predominant blossom and there was a superabundance of them, furnished by Dr. M. E. Armstrong, who makes a specialty of their cultivation. Dr. Armstrong has been furnishing flowers for the church for the past twenty years, giving hours of his time each week.

Special music was furnished at both morning and evening services. Mr. Vinton Lloyd was the soloist at the morning service when he sang "No Night There." There is a good pipe organ in the church and the organist is Mrs. A. R. Bishop.

The following is a copy of the official programme, more particulars of which will appear in our next issue:—

Monday, 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.—Congregational social. Pastor in Chair. Addresses by Drs. Armstrong, Jost, Hartz, D. W. Johnson (Editor of Wesleyan).

Tuesday, 24th, at 7:30 p.m.—Grand concert under auspices of "Sunshine Bible Class."

Wednesday, 25th, at 7:30 p.m.—A happy evening of Prayer and Praise with Rev. Wm. H. Langille in the Chair and addresses from former Pastors, Revs. Porter and Reynolds.

Thursday, 26th, at 6:00 p.m.—A Grand Banquet. Prices 50c. and 25c. Toasts and music following.

Friday, 27th, at 7:30 p.m.—Young People's Rally—address, Rev. R. B. Layton; opening of Tuxis room, by Rev. G. T. Bryant; cutting and eating of Birthday cake with exercises.

Sunday, 29th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Special Preacher, Rev. Dr. Ross, of Fort Massey, Halifax. Mr. Ralph Messenger will read review of Presbyterian Jubilee Period at the evening service. 2:30 p.m.—Grand Sunday School Musical Pageant entitled: "God's Clarion Call." Addresses by the Superintendents and Rev. G. T. Bryant.

PRESENT OFFICERS OF GORDON-PROVIDENCE UNITED CHURCH

Minister, Rev. John H. Freestone.

Supernumeraries, Rev. C. Jost, D. D.; Rev. W. H. Langille.

Sunday School Superintendents, J. H. Hicks, A. Owen Price.

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