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SEVENTEEN YEARS' FAITHFUL SERVICE.

At the recent annual convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association Mr. Linus Woolverton, B.A., of Grimsby, took advantage of the occasion to tender the directors his formal resignation as editor of *The Canadian Horticulturist*. For years Mr. Woolverton has been undertaking work beyond the powers of the ordinary man. Although the owner of one of the finest fruit farms in Canada he has not only found or rather made time, during the past seventeen years, to act as editor of *The Horticulturist* but has, for a considerable portion of this time, acted as secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, secretary of the Board of Fruit Experiment Stations and worked on a valuable description he is preparing of the fruits of Ontario.

Realizing that this work was too great for one man Mr. Woolverton, a few years ago, asked to be released of his duties as secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association and last month asked for a further lightening of his responsibilities. In accepting Mr. Woolverton's resignation the directors of the association, one and all, paid tribute to the great value of the services he has rendered. It was pointed out that when Mr. Woolverton accepted the secretaryship of the Fruit Growers' Association and the editorship of *The Horticulturist* both the Association and *The Horticulturist* were in a critical condition. Through his active efforts the association and *The Horticulturist* have since be-

come known throughout the Dominion. An expression of the value in which his services have always been held was unanimously tendered Mr. Woolverton. Special attention will be devoted by Mr. Woolverton in the future to his duties as superintendent of the fruit experiment stations and to completing his description of the Fruits of Ontario. The editorship of *The Horticulturist* has been assumed by the associate editor, Mr. H. B. Cowan.

IT WAS A SUCCESS.

The First Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show was a decided success. The gain to the horticultural interests of Ontario will be immense. There is an impression in the minds of the general public that anything pertaining to horticulture is of but slight importance. The magnificent display of fruit, flowers and honey, at the recent show, did much to dispel this illusion.

The success of the first venture warrants a determined effort being put forth to make the show an annual affair and to extend its usefulness and scope. Too much credit cannot be given the officers of the show and the various organizations interested. The Ontario Department of Agriculture, the Ontario Fruit Growers and Bee Keepers' Associations, the Toronto Horticultural and Electoral District Societies and the Toronto Gardeners' and Florists' Association are all deserving of the warmest praise for their active assistance and cooperation. The fact that the representatives of all these bodies were able to work together harmoniously shows them to be broad minded men. It is no wonder the exhibition was a success.

A NARROW MINDED POLICY.

The Canadian manufacturers of orchard and garden implements are deserving of the severest censure for the stand they took in regard to the recent provincial horticultural exhibition. Although earnestly urged, and in spite of the fact that liberal inducements were offered, they absolutely refused to make exhibits at the show.

It was felt by the management that an exhibit of implements and tools for orchard and garden culture, showing the latest improvements that have been made, would be of great educational value to the fruit growers and gardeners who attended the exhibition. Although this object was pointed out the Canadian manufacturers refused to give their assistance. If the manufacturers dream they have entrenched themselves in a position where they are independent of the fruit growers and florists it is time they should be rudely awakened. This point should be borne in mind when preparations are being made for the next exhibition.

The delegates to the provincial horticultural convention acted wisely last month when they appointed a committee to suggest changes in the Agricultural and Arts Act and to consider the advisability of forming a provincial horticultural