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they could have cold storage and better railway and market facilities. Mr. J. L. Lefebvre and Mr. J. C. Chapais also spoke.

**COOPERATION**

In a paper on "Some Features of Cooperation," Mr. Robert Brodie of Montreal, pointed out that notwithstanding the rather strong opposition of certain interests, there were five cooperative societies in different parts of the province of Quebec. "These societies," he asserted, "are yet in their infancy, and have much to learn. It may be," he added, "that competition is the life of industry, but very often it is the death of private industries." Mr. Brodie advised fruit growers to combine for the purpose of buying machines and implements that were only required occasionally.

Rev. Father Leopold, of La Trappe, read a paper upon "Insecticides and Fungicides." In this he dealt very thoroughly with the physiological troubles that affect plant life, indicating the causes of these diseases and contributory conditions. He advocated that disease in plants should be combated by the community as a whole as well as by the individual. At a later stage Father Leopold gave an interesting demonstration in the art of properly packing apples.

In an informal talk on strawberry cultivation, Mr. F. X. Gosselin, director of the Demonstration Orchard at Ste. Famile, discussed methods of planting. In the general discussion that followed, those that took part included Messrs. R. Brodie, Peter Reid, Mr. Solyme Roy, Father Leopold, Mr. Hitchcock and J. C. Chapais.

**Cold Storage the Solution**

Much money is lost annually by fruit growers, who owing to lack of proper facilities for holding their fruit till a favorable market offers, are obliged to dispose of their season's crop practically as soon as it is harvested, no matter what the condition of the market may be. Such conditions place the growers practically at the mercy of the buyers, and with many it is a frequent occurrence to dispose of their season's crop at a low price at the time it is harvested, and then later on to see other growers who had facilities for holding their crop without deterioration, sell at a considerably advanced rate.

Recent reports this season indicate that quite a number of fruit growers who usually sell their crop to local buyers in bulk have not yet disposed of their season's crop. The anxiety of some of these growers to sell is apt to lead them to accept prices less than what their fruit is really worth. A grower in the Niagara District with a large crop of apples was recently seriously considering the prospect of sacrificing his whole crop, for said he, "What else can I do? No one has come to buy it." And in a few months fruit such as he had, in a good condition, would find a ready market at good prices.

Anything which offers them a local or temporary conditions in the handling of their fruit crop, means a return to the fruit growers. Many cooperative associations have accomplished a great deal for their members by the use of cold storage warehouses. But many growers are not in a position to take advantage of the facilities offered by these warehouses. To such the large cold storage warehouses, such as the New Brunswick Cold Storage of St. John, N. B., erected for this purpose, will appeal with special interest as a means of maintaining their crop in good condition until a favorable time for selling.

The advantages of terminal cold storage