

## VEGETABLE GROWERS ORGANIZING

The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association has set to work in earnest to organize branch associations throughout the province. A special effort is being put forth to have thorough organization through local associations in the different vegetable centres before the Horticultural Exhibition in November. During August Mr. Andrew McMeans, of Brantford, made a tour of western Ontario for the purpose of forming local associations and met with varied success. As a result of his trip Mr. McMeans hopes to have several flourishing associations at different points. Growers around Leamington were enthusiastic and a strong association was formed with J. S. Fraser as president; J. L. Hilborn, vice-president, and E. E. Adams, secretary-treasurer. It was decided that the best means of getting the different members in line would be to hold meetings at their respective homes.

Flourishing organizations are promised for several other centres. At Woodstock Messrs. Doyle and Gabriel Elliot were well pleased with the move and have promised to do what they can. The good work at Chatham was left in the hands of such enthusiasts as Messrs. Ross, Collins, Clarke, Findlay and Everetts.

The growers in the Windsor district are chiefly French Canadians and know merely enough English to make sales. However, at Cabbage Point, a few miles from Amherstburg, Mr. Hilare Gignac was sure that an association could be formed and 150 members secured before fall. Messrs. Wigle, of Ruthven, and Coatsworth, of Kingsville, can also be counted on for support.

There is a general feeling among the growers that their crop should be protected by a duty at least equal to that imposed on similar Canadian products going south.

## FRUIT CROP CONDITIONS

Reports received by The Horticulturist during September from the leading fruit sections of Ontario tend to verify the report published last month that the apple crop of the province this year will be light and prices high as compared with last year. In many sections the crops have been sold and the growers regret they did not hold out for better prices. The United States and British crops are, also, behind the average, and a keen demand from the Old Country is expected.

Grapes and plums will be larger crops than last year. The quality generally is reported to be good. The following are some of the reports that have been received:

### ESSEX COUNTY.

The apple crop is not more than 40 or 50 per cent. of last year's. The greater part is already disposed of. Some of the best orchards sold for a lump sum on the trees. Other buyers are giving \$1 per barrel and do their own picking. There does not appear to be any regularity in prices given as the quality is not uniform.—(W. W. Hilborn, Leamington.

### KENT COUNTY.

Our crop of apples this season promises to be very fine, especially where thoroughly sprayed. In quantity it will be about half of last year's crop. Sales so far are very satisfactory, and we are looking forward to a very successful season.—(W. D. A. Ross, Chatham.

### WENTWORTH COUNTY.

Japan plums and Lombards are a heavy crop, while other varieties are only about one-third. Fancy lots sold at 30 to 40 cents. Japan varieties and Lombards brought 10 to 25 cents. About 50 per cent. of the Lombards are rotting. Grapes are not more than half a crop, but clean and ripening early. Some Concorde and Niagaras have sold at 15 or 16 cents per nine pound basket. There is only a light crop of apples, probably 25 per cent. full crop. Winds and codling moth are playing havoc and not more than one-half of the crop will be packed as No.

1 or No. 2, and there is every likelihood that a No. 3 grade will find a market. As high as \$1.50 per barrel has been obtained for No. 1 and No. 2 on the trees.—(Joseph Tweddle, Fruitland.

The grape crop is in every way better than last year, very clean of rot and quality never better. Plums are heavier than last year and prices much lower. The apple crop is very light, quality fair, prices ruling high, about \$1.50 per barrel on the trees, purchaser furnishing labor, barrels, etc. Some have done better than this.—(E. M. Smith, Winona.

### THE ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

Apple prospects have not improved. Some isolated orchards have nice crops, but majority of orchards have very little fruit. Plum crop has been disappointing. Market was oversupplied with Japan varieties, and it has not been possible to secure ready sale for the later kinds at satisfactory prices. Many kinds have not been harvested in full on account of low price and poor demand. Grape crop promises to be of excellent quality and fair proportions. If weather remains warm a good demand is expected at reasonable prices. Growers are marketing heavily.—(W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines.

### BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Apples are one-half of last year's crop. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.55 per barrel for No. 1 and No. 2 stock, grower to pick and deliver at the station. Grapes are 100 per cent. better crop and prices run two to four cents per pound gross. Plums are double the crop, with the price 17½ to 25 cents per 11-quart basket at station.—(A. W. Peart, Burlington.

### GEORGIAN BAY SECTION.

The apple crop in the Georgian Bay district from Collingwood to Owen Sound and in the Beaver Valley, is exceedingly light, not more than 10 per cent. of a full crop. There are, however, some very good apples, especially Russets. The winds of the last few days have very much reduced them. In the Simcoe dis-