



FIG. 2210. MAJOR H. J. SELGROVE,
Governor of the County Guild, who was elected one of our
Directors for 1912 at the Cobourg meeting

Minister of Agriculture, to issue a series of practical bulletins on the first principles of fruit growing. Attention was directed to the series of articles entitled "First Lessons in Fruit Growing" by Prof. Hutt of the O. A. C. Guelph, which are now to appear in the Canadian Horticulturist.

If this publication could be more widely distributed among our farmers it would itself constitute an excellent medium for such information.

FREIGHTS ON FRUITS.

The Transportation Committee brought in a report, which, while thanking the companies for the small concessions made to fruit growers, regretted that there was still much reason for complaint, because rates on fruit were so much higher than on other

commodities, thereby crippling the fruit industry and which stated that while requests had been once more presented to the railways for concessions which were considered just and reasonable, they had been again refused. It was recommended that the matter be followed up still further, and in the meantime every effort be made to gain information and strengthen the position of the committee, so that sufficient pressure might be brought to bear to secure relief from unjust discrimination against the fruit trade.

Also requesting the Government to continue the valuable assistance already rendered in connection with the export trade in fruit.

This report was practically laid on the table and superseded by the following;

That various committees and deputations from this Association and from other bodies of fruit growers have from time to time laid before the Railway authorities the injustice of the freight rates and regulations affecting the transportation of fruit; that the railway authorities have invariably received such deputations with the greatest courtesy and have quite as invariably refused to grant any but the most meager concessions; that your committee see no reason to hope that any rates less than "what the traffic can bear" will be voluntarily conceded by the railways; that the Dominion Parliament is the only authority in the country with the power necessary to compel transportation companies to do justice to the public;

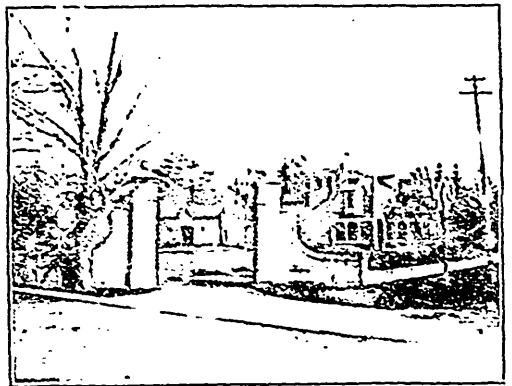


FIG. 2211. "HEATHCOTE,"
Property of Mr. W. F. Ladd of Galveston, Texas, at
present occupied by Mrs. (Gen. Grant),
of New York City