

ing, St. Catharines; W. A. Emory, president of the Provincial Association; E. J. Mahoney, president of the Hamilton Association; E. D. Smith, Winona, and A. W. Peart, of Freeman.

Mr. McNeill, of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, has been interviewing the fruit dealers of the west. One dealer in Medicine Hat commented as follows: "Our trade is going almost exclusively to British Columbia. The western men grow better stuff, grade it more uniformly, use better packages, settle claims more promptly, and are in every way better business men than eastern fruit growers."

A report from Dominion Fruit Inspector Wartman, Montreal, states that the keeping quality of California Tragedy plums is something wonderful. Three specimens taken from different boxes of a car lot consigned to Glasgow via Montreal, were put in a drawer in his desk where a thermometer ranged from 70 to 80 degrees. After 10 days the plums were unwrapped from the soft paper and found to be in sound condition. These plums could easily be placed on the Glasgow market in perfect condition when the temperature during the ocean voyage is kept at 35 degrees.

**Where Damage Occurs.**—I believe sending unripe, uncolored, immature fruit to the old country markets does more damage to the fruit growers of this country than almost any other infraction of the act to prevent frauds in packing fruit.—(H. J. Scripture, Brighton, Ont.)

### Quebec Fruit Growers Meet

The summer meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growers' Society of Quebec was held at Village de Mont St. Hilaire, August 23 and 24.

The meetings were ably presided over by Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Chapais did excellent work as interpreter. On Thursday noon Mr. A. McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, arrived, and the afternoon was given over to a general discussion and to a visit to a neighboring orchard. The various sessions were fairly well attended, especially that of Wednesday evening, when Prof. F. A. Waugh gave an interesting address on Flower Culture. The discussions were well sustained and to the point.

The programme included addresses on the following subjects: "Planting of fruit trees, care necessary to be taken. Fruit cultivation along the Gulf of St. Lawrence"—G. Reyneaud, Horticulteur, La Trappe, Que.; "Plums"—R. Brodie, Westmount, Que.; "Results following severe winter of 1903-4, and last winter upon tender varieties of fruit trees"—R. W. Shepherd, Como, Que.; "The Strawberry Leaf Rust"—J. C. Chapais, St. Denis, Que.; paper (subject not named)—N. E. Jack, Chateaugay Basin, Que.; "Notes on fruit meeting in western New York and Vergennes, Vt."—Wm. Craig, Abbotsford, Que., and "Some mistakes made in the past in the planting and after treatment of apple orchards in the province of Quebec"—Volunteers.

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