

bine these interests no action should be taken until Parliament meets, when this matter may be thoroughly considered. As a fruit grower I will strongly oppose any fusion of the fruit and dairy divisions and I am satisfied that other fruit growers feel the same way."

As will be seen in another column the Prince Edward Island Fruit growers, at their annual convention during the third week of December, passed a resolution unanimously opposing the proposed union of the two divisions, the opinion being freely expressed by those in attendance that

such an amalgamation would likely prove disastrous to the fruit interests of Canada.

A leading Ontario fruit grower, speaking to *The Horticulturist*, stated that 'were the dairy and fruit divisions joined, with the chief of the dairy division as the superior officer, it would simply mean that the fruit interests of Canada would be the tail of the dairy kite. Owing to lack of space, *The Horticulturist* is unable to give the views of more growers on this subject, but can state that every fruit grower heard from is thoroughly opposed to the proposed combination of the two divisions.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FRUIT GROWERS' PARLIAMENT

MATTERS of great interest and importance to the fruit growers of the Dominion as well as of Prince Edward Island were dealt with at the ninth annual convention of the Prince Edward Island Fruit Growers' Association held at Charlottetown December 20 and 21. The Fruit Growers' Association is the most vital of all the garden province's organizations and keen interest was, therefore, manifested in the subjects discussed.

Several important decisions were reached. It was resolved to ask the Dominion Minister of Agriculture to place fruit commission merchants under Dominion regulation; to give inspectors under the Marks Act right of control in loading apples on shipboard; to put express companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission; to ask for government assistance to inaugurate co-operation; to recommend the purchase of a full line of horticultural implements for the experimental farms; to urge the convoking of a National Fruit Growers' Council; and, to make *The Canadian Horticulturist* the official organ.

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

The following resolution, which was adopted unanimously, was recognized to be

of great importance. In passing it the growers felt assured of the support of the great body of the fruit growers throughout the Dominion. This resolution read as follows:

"Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this association, through the press, that an amalgamation of the Fruit with the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is in contemplation; therefore it is resolved that this assemblage of the fruit growers of Prince Edward Island do respectfully express to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture its unqualified disapproval of any such amalgamation as detrimental to the large and increasing horticultural interests of Canada, which call for extension in their central offices rather than restriction."

THE CONVENTION A SUCCESS.

Much of the credit for the decided success of the convention is due the president of the association, Rev. Father A. E. Burke, of Alberton, who was unanimously re-elected as president amid much enthusiasm. Rev. Father Burke's sympathy with the agricultural interest; and splendid powers of direction are known and appreciated and perhaps more thoroughly without his own