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THE FRUIT DIVISION.

Leading officers of every provincial fruit growers association in Canada, including British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, have placed themselves on record as being strongly opposed to the chief of the fruit division being made subservient to the dairy commissioner. A number of these associations have passed resolutions protesting against the arrangement that has been made by the Hon. Sydney Fisher.

In his explanation in the House of Commons Mr. Fisher stated that the work of the fruit division would not be restricted, as its chief would have the same staff and would perform the same duties under the dairy commissioner as when he was under Prof. J. W. Robertson. This statement has not satisfied the fruit growers. Prof. Robertson had direction of not only the dairy and fruit divisions but of the live stock and seeds as well. Since Prof. Robert-

son resigned a commissioner has been appointed for live stock, one for dairying, and one for seeds, but the fruit division has been overlooked and placed under the dairy division. To Mr. Ruddick's credit it can be stated there is nothing to indicate that he sought an appointment so foreign to his regular line of work.

Fruit growers feel that while the chief of the fruit division may have the same powers he formerly had he cannot be expected to take the same interest in his work or to prosecute it with the same zeal that he would were he in sole charge and directly responsible to the public as well as to the minister of agriculture for its success. It has been intimated that there is not enough work to warrant the appointment of a fruit commissioner. There cannot, then, be enough work for the chief of a fruit division. The rapid growth of the fruit interests warrants the appointment of a fruit commissioner, who, if he is the proper type of man, will soon find plenty of work to occupy his attention. "Surely," as Mr. Brandrith writes from British Columbia, "Hon. Mr. Fisher will not go in the face of a united country and maintain an appointment that is unsatisfactory to those whose interests he is there to look after."

THE PROVINCIAL SHOW.

In deciding to continue the Provincial Fruit Flower, Honey and Vegetable Show at Toronto while making a special grant for the holding of an earlier show at Hamilton for the fruits and flowers which cannot be shown at the later show at Toronto, the Department of Agriculture has acted in the interests of the greatest number. The management of the show held at Toronto last fall for a start made a decided success of the venture. The various organizations that were interested in it worked together harmoniously and are in a position to do much better work this year, especially as Massey Hall has been secured for the next show. It would have been unjust to have taken the show out of their hands.

On the other hand, Hamilton is in an excellent position to hold a splendid show for early fruits through which the interests of the amateur flower grower as well can be promoted. If a horticultural convention is to be held again next fall it may prove advisable to hold it in connection with the Hamilton show, as those who attend the convention are interested in amateur and not in professional flower growing. The Hamilton show can be made a big affair. Possibly the Provincial Vegetable Growers' Association may decide to hold its annual convention at the Hamilton show, which would add to its importance.

Several interesting articles from papers read at meetings of the Ottawa Horticultural Society, and one read at a meeting of the Toronto society, appear in this issue. Every month numerous papers and addresses of interest and value to amateur horticulturists, are presented at meetings of horticultural societies. Were the officers of societies to see that copies of