

ing the emulsion when intended for ornamental shrubs, etc., where the whitening of the foliage is objectionable. The flour emulsion can be added to Bordeaux mixture, Bordeaux and Paris green, if desired.

Experiments are in progress which indi-

cate that the proportion of kerosene (the most expensive constituent of the emulsion) may be materially reduced without affecting the insectidal value of the spray. Further particulars of these trials will be published in the June issue of *The Horticulturist*.

FRUIT GROWERS CONTINUE TO PROTEST

THE announcement in the April issue of *The Canadian Horticulturist* that the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, had placed the chief of the fruit division under the chief of the dairy division was a great surprise to many fruit growers who had not heard of Mr. Fisher's announcement in the House of Commons. The result is that protests continue to reach *The Horticulturist* from fruit growers in all parts of Canada who are considering what steps they had best take to deal with the situation. That the present arrangements shall not continue any great length of time is the evident determination of the growers heard from.

The following are a few of many letters on this subject received by *The Horticulturist*:

Mr. Ralph S. Eaton, Kentville, N. S., president Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association: I hope the Minister of Agriculture will, in the near future, deem the fruit interests of Canada of sufficient importance to warrant the establishment of a fruit division occupying the same place in the department as other divisions which are responsible only to the minister.

Mr. S. C. Parker, secretary of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association: I feel strongly on this matter, and think united action should be taken by the various associations in Canada to bring pressure to bear on the honorable minister to place our chief in full standing in the department. I shall be glad to hear of any new development and any plan of action that may be devised.

Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, of Hammond, B. C.,

president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association: The fruit industry of Canada is of sufficient importance to require the appointment of a fruit commissioner for that division, as in the other divisions and responsible only to the Minister of Agriculture, and further would add the necessity of the various fruit associations and fruit growers generally agitating and pressing upon the Dominion government the appointment of a commissioner for the fruit division.

Mr. Thomas G. Earl, Lytton, B. C.: It is degrading to the enormous fruit interests of this province, as well as to those of the whole of Canada, that the fruit commissioner should be placed under the control of the dairy or any other commissioner. I would think that the dairy commissioner would have his hands full in caring for his own department, and, besides, dairying and fruit growing are quite different. I would suppose the Dominion government, when taking into consideration the enormous and continued expansion of fruit growing, would see the necessity for placing the fruit interests in the hands of a competent commissioner expressly for that purpose.

NEW BRUNSWICK HAS ACTED.

Mr. W. D. Albright, secretary New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association: At the fruit growers' convention in Fredericton a resolution was passed endorsing my action in protesting by telegram to Hon. Mr. Fisher against the subordination of the fruit to the dairy division. In conveying him the resolution I wrote a somewhat lengthy letter in reply to which I received some weeks