

cents. When the association was formed, the growers used to grade and pack their own fruit, but it was found that every grower had a distinct idea as to what were XXX and what XX. Now they have 75 members and the fruit is brought to a central packing house. Much missionary work in the line of spraying has been done through this association with good results.

Mr. W. D. A. Ross, of the Chatham as-

sociation, reported that individual packing was unsatisfactory and that for four years their fruit had been brought to a central packing house. Cooperative power spraying is done and the cost of the spraying deducted from the returns for the fruit. Good results have been secured this season from sales to Glasgow, f. o. b. at Chatham.

The remaining sessions will be reported in our next issue.

### WHAT THE VEGETABLE GROWERS DID

THE convention of vegetable growers, the first held under the auspices of the recently formed Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, was not largely attended, but great interest was shown in the papers and discussions. Two of the most interesting addresses were those given by Mr. A. McMeans, of Brantford, on the Cultivation and Marketing of Cauliflowers, and by Mr. J. L. Hilborn, of Leamington, on Growing Vegetables for the Early Markets. Extracts from both of these addresses are published in this issue.

A paper by Prof. R. Harcourt, of Guelph, on Fertilizers for Vegetable Growers, was read by Prof. F. T. Shutt, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who on its conclusion answered many questions asked by the growers. An extract from this paper appears on another page. Prof. Zavitz, of Guelph, gave a most instructive talk on the results of experiments he has conducted, at

the college, in the growing of potatoes. These experiments had for their object the ascertaining of the best size of potato to plant for profit, the depth at which potatoes should be planted, the distance apart for planting to give the best results, etc. A summary of the results will be published in *The Horticulturist*.

Mr. W. T. Macoun, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, described experiments that have been conducted at the farm in Ottawa, in the growing of vegetables. Prof. T. D. Jarvis, of Guelph, dealt with Injurious Insects that Affect Vegetables. A brief talk that was fully appreciated was given by Mr. A. N. Brown, of Wyoming, Del. Short addresses were also given by Prof. F. C. Harrison and Mr. H. S. Peart, of the Agricultural College at Guelph. After each address scores of questions were asked the speakers and the value of the convention greatly increased.

### FRUIT GROWERS AND THE TARIFF

A COMMITTEE representing the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association appeared before the tariff commission on November 17 and asked that no reduction be made in the duty on fruits imported into Canada. It was suggested that a decrease in the tariff on sugar would be in the interests of the fruit industry. The committee consisted of Messrs. W. H. Bunting, of St.

Catharines; A. W. Peart, of Burlington; Robt. Thompson, of St. Catharines; D. Johnson, of Forest, and T. H. Race, of Mitchell.

The decision to have a deputation wait on the commission was precipitated by an address delivered at the fruit growers' convention by Mr. W. L. Smith, of *The Weekly Sun*, and by an announcement made during