

### Quebec Fruit Growers Meet

THE summer meeting of the Pomological Society of the province of Quebec was held at Abbotsford, September 9-10th, in conjunction with the exhibition of the Abbotsford Fruit Growers' Association.

The programme included an introductory address by the President, Prof. T. G. Bunting, of Macdonald College, and an address of welcome by J. M. Fisk, of Abbotsford; Mr. C. E. Petch, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, spoke on "New Sprays," Mr. Robt. Brodie, of Montreal, on "An Amateur Rose Garden," Mr. M. B. Davis, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, on "Cooperation," and Rev. Father Leopold, of La Trappe, on "Cherries."

Among those present were delegates from Quebec, who had been in attendance at the Dominion Fruit Conference held in Grimsby, Ontario, shortly before. Rev. H. Dickson, of Rectory Hill, presented a report of the proceedings at the conference at the Thursday morning session. This was followed by an address entitled "Insects of the Orchard," by Prof. Lochhead, of Macdonald College, and a talk on "The Packing of Fruit," by Mr. P. J. Carey, of Toronto, representing the Dominion Fruit Division.

A keen interest was taken in the papers which were followed by animated discussions. Much interest is now being taken in orchard pests of all kinds and means of control, and Prof. Lochhead's and Mr. Petch's papers were specially interesting.

During the past four years there has been a great improvement in the general care of the orchards in regard to spraying and as marked results are now showing in these well-sprayed orchards the growers are keen for information. The five demonstration orchards of the province have fine crops of beautiful fruit this year, and the influence of these is being felt in their respective districts. From general reports there will be a great increase in the number of sprayed orchards next year.

Much interest was taken in Mr. Carey's address on the packing of fruit, which had special reference to box packing. In the afternoon a practical demonstration in box packing was given by Mr. Carey. As yet the box has not been adopted to any extent in the province, but now the growers of the Fameuse and McIntosh are beginning to take to it as a package for these varieties.

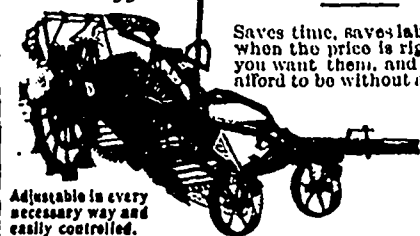
A new mechanical grading machine was in operation during the afternoon. It made a very favorable impression.

Between meetings a visit was paid to a neighboring orchard owned by Dr. C. W. Byers of Montreal. This orchard largely consists of Fameuse and McIntosh, and it is about eighteen years old. It is estimated that there will be twelve hundred barrels of these two varieties, and a finer, cleaner or better crop was never grown. The color and uniformity of the apples on the trees was particularly noted by the visitors. This orchard is considered one of the best in the province. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Macdonald College, December, 2nd and 3rd, 1914.

### Bulletins and Reports

Recent bulletins and reports that have reached The Canadian Horticulturist include the following: "Fertilizers in Relation to Soils and Crop Production," by R. Harcourt, Professor of Chemistry, and A. L. Gibson, Demonstrator in Soils, of the Ontario Agricultural College. This is Bulletin

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