

North West Fruit Growers

An Account of the Meetings Lately Held at Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Anderson Tells What He Saw and Heard During the Trip.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, returned on Monday from attending the annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association in Portland, and visiting the agricultural colleges in the states adjoining British Columbia, and makes a most satisfactory report of his reception and the work done at the convention.

The meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association occupied Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th, 6th and 7th of February, there being three sessions, viz., morning, afternoon and evening on the first two days, and morning and afternoon sessions on the last day. The large room of the Hotel Vancouver was filled at all the sessions with delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, representatives of the various railroad companies, shipping firms and commission men, and Mr. H. E. Van Deman, United States commissioner of agriculture, who was present in the proceedings. Thursday sessions were devoted to routine work, reports of committees, papers on various matters relating to horticulture and discussions; the evening sessions were music and business sessions, and were presided over by Mrs. Walter Reid and Miss E. J. Porter. The business sessions embraced every phase of horticulture, production of fruit, varieties, markets, transportation, packing, packages, horticultural instruction, and other matters.

The opening session, Tuesday, February 6, was chiefly a program character. President Blalock, Vice-Presidents E. L. Smith, F. L. Wheeler and L. A. Porter, and Secretary R. Anderson, were present. Prof. Milken, of Idaho, made short reports of the fruit conditions in the different portions of the Northwest. H. E. Van Deman spoke briefly on the subject of the Pan-American Exposition. A committee was appointed to draft a memorial on the subject addressed to the legislatures of the States included in the association. At the close of the afternoon session, the committee reported the following memorial, which was unanimously adopted:

Your memorialists, the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association, composed of States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and the Province of British Columbia, in convention assembled, at the City of Portland, Oregon, earnestly but respectfully petition your respective legislatures to make adequate provision for the protection of the products of the territory embraced in this association at the Pan-American Exposition, St. Paul, Minn., 1904.

It is impossible to give all the addresses which were made, but the following are the most important. Mr. H. E. Van Deman said, regarding apples, that we cannot generalize upon the matter of varieties, but that the number of national importance. The Ben Davis is one of these, and is today the most popular variety in the Northwest, however, he did not know whether he would plant Ben Davis here, but he would plant plant Rome Beauty, and probably Jonathan, perhaps also Grimes' Golden, an apple of the highest quality, the only objection to which is that it is not hard.

The Ben Davis then received attention from a number of growers, and Mr. B. L. Smith said he had planted 65,000 boxes of apples this year, but he could not give Ben Davis as long as he had any other varieties for sale in this province. The box question is one that has given rise to much trouble and vexation as it has given those of this province. Mr. Anderson brought up the question for discussion, pointing out the expediency of a uniform-sized package being adopted for apples. The box recommended by the board of horticulture of the province was of the following dimensions, viz.: 10x11x20 1/2 inches inside measurement, having a cubic capacity of 2,225 inches. The board was, however, not wedded to their recommendation, and in any case the shape of this box was not suitable for the country growers. A long discussion ensued, and a committee was eventually appointed, which was asked to report.

Mr. President: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of uniform apple boxes, respectfully recommends that the apple boxes of this association shall be of the following dimensions, inside measurements, viz.: 18 inches length, 1 1/2 inches width, 10 1/2 inches depth, containing 2,173 cubic inches, and to be known as "Standard." We further recommend the following size, to be known as "special": Length 20 inches, width 1 1/2 inches, and depth 10 inches, and that the ends of said boxes be 3/4 of an inch in thickness. We also further recommend that all former actions of this association relative to apple boxes be repealed. The above is most respectfully submitted.

The measurements are on the inside, and it will therefore be seen that the special box having a cubic capacity of 2,220 inches, exceeds the standard recommended by the board of horticulture. The following are some of the matters of interest touched upon: A communication was received from

The Idaho State Horticultural Society

has having lectured at some institute meetings in the province. There are being instructed in the Northwest, among whom is E. C. Hayward, assistant professor of mechanical and electrical engineering, a son of Mayor Hayward of Victoria, and who was recently quite a favorite amongst his colleagues.

The Idaho State Horticultural Society, which was organized at the annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association, held at Portland, Oregon, on the 6th and 7th of February, has elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dr. N. G. Blalock, of Walla Walla, Wash.; vice-presidents, for Oregon, Dr. N. G. Blalock, for Washington, Frank L. Wheeler, of North Yakima, for Idaho, J. M. Porter, of Lewiston, for Montana, S. M. Smery of Bozeman, for British Columbia, J. R. Anderson of Victoria; Secretary, Mr. E. Van Deman, of Walla Walla, Wash.; treasurer, W. S. O'Brien, of Walla Walla, Wash.

The courses of studies are about alike at all the colleges, and embrace all the sciences, trades and occupations, besides practical instruction in agriculture, horticulture, engineering, civil engineering, botany, horticulture, military drill, ironing, woodwork, assaying, household economy, sewing, etc. Mr. Anderson expresses his great admiration for the enlightened policy of the railroad companies operating in the adjoining states, notably that of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which has given the most liberal facilities for the transportation of the fruit growers and their families. He also expresses his admiration for the intelligent policy of the railroad companies operating in the adjoining states, notably that of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which has given the most liberal facilities for the transportation of the fruit growers and their families.

Mr. Anderson said there was very little difference between the climatic conditions of Oregon and British Columbia. By a rigid enforcement of their laws for the inspection of fruits and fruit trees, they have been able to prevent the introduction of such pests as the European spruce sawfly, which has done so much damage to the spruce forests of the Northwest. He also mentioned the fact that the fruit growers of the Northwest are very much interested in the fruit conditions of the Northwest, and are very much interested in the fruit conditions of the Northwest.

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The Imperial Parliament

John Redmond Moves for Compulsory Sale of Land in Ireland.

But His Amendment is Defeated by a Large Majority.

London, Feb. 21.—Replying to a series of war questions put by Mr. Henry Labouchere in the House of Commons today, Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of the colonies, said that Lord Roberts had acted on his own initiative in proclaiming the annexation of the Boer republics. The Colonial Office left the choice of time to himself. The terms of surrender contained in Lord Roberts' telegram to Gen. Buller on March 6 were not instructions from the government; but Lord Roberts' telegram never reached Gen. Buller, who was never consulted as to any intimation of the government's intention to offer to allow the burghers to return to their farms with their arms.

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Local News.

Gen. Colville's Retirement

Secretary of War Says Action Was Taken on Lord Roberts' Advice.

Sir Alfred Milner Confirms Ill-Usage of Natives by Boers.

London, Feb. 22.—The questions today in the House of Commons were of little general interest, but Mr. Broderick, secretary of state for war, took occasion to offer an explanation regarding the retirement of Maj.-Gen. Colville, for which he had been so much criticized. Gen. Colville, said Mr. Broderick, had never been tried, and though his case had been considered on his return to England, and he had been allowed to resume his command at Gibraltar, he had not been exonerated from blame. Subsequently Sir Alfred Milner, who had brought the Lindley case to the attention of the House, had advised that Gen. Colville should not be allowed to retain his command at Gibraltar, but that he should be sent to the front in accordance with his advice. Mr. Broderick added that he understood the matter would be brought to the attention of the House later, and therefore he would defer a fuller statement.

Replying to Mr. Redmond (Nationalist), Mr. Broderick admitted that Lord Roberts' recommendation regarding the removal of Gen. Colville, had been in accordance with his advice. Mr. Broderick added that he understood the matter would be brought to the attention of the House later, and therefore he would defer a fuller statement.

Replying to a question of the cost of the war, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, said that the cost of the war was estimated at £251,000,000. He said that the cost of the war was estimated at £251,000,000. He said that the cost of the war was estimated at £251,000,000.

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HAZING Charges That It Makes United States Officers Tyrannical.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the house today, during the consideration of an amendment to the deficiency bill to prevent hazing at the naval academy, Mr. Coburn, of Iowa, used very strong language which inveighing against the practice of hazing, charging that the cadets of the academy were tyrannical and oppressive toward the officers of the army and navy and that the large number of desertions from the army, and the large number of officers who had been killed in the war, were due to the hazing of the cadets.

LORD ROBERTS AND QUEEN BEE

Two Copper-Gold Groups Which Are Turning Out Well.

N. S. Clarke, manager of the Vancouver-Mount Sicker Syndicate, arrived from Seattle last night, and is registered at the Dominion Hotel. The company, of which Mr. Clarke is manager, is composed chiefly of residents of Vancouver, and was organized to develop the mining properties known as the Lord Roberts and Queen Bee groups in Victoria mining division.

The company has just bought a large boiler, hoisting plant and steam drills, which will be installed at once on the Queen Bee, two shafts having been sunk and 150 feet of drifting were done on the Queen Bee. Operations will be resumed shortly, and will be pushed during the coming spring and summer.

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ALBERNI SCHOOL Pupils Entertain Their Friends With Lively Programme.

Alberni, Feb. 19.—The scholars of the Alberni school last evening gave an excellent entertainment to their friends and relatives at the Alberni school. The programme was most interesting and well arranged.

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Methuen Has A Lively Fight

His Force Drives Boers from a Strong Position With Severe Losses.

London, Feb. 22.—The war office has received the following from Lord Kitchener: "Klerksdorp, Feb. 21.—Methuen's force marched here, having cleared the country through Wolmaransdorp. At Haartbeestfontein, fourteen hundred Boers under General Devillers and Liebenberg opposed him. They held a strong position obstinately, but were forced to give ground after a long and severe fighting, in which the Boers lost 100 men, and 1000 head of cattle and sheep, and 1000 head of horses and mules. The Boers left their camp in a state of confusion, and were driven to the ground and suffered severely."

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