

merchants and buyers come to buy. Mr. A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, explained how the co-operative system had worked in Bruce county, where it is being given a trial. In the handling of apples it had been a great benefit to the fruit growers. Many other members discussed the matter, all being convinced of the value of such a plan.

Prof. L. R. Taft, of the Agricultural College, Michigan, gave an address upon peach-growing in Michigan. The people of Michigan had found the most profitable peach for their orchards and markets to be the Alberta. The FitzGerald and others which had good records in Canada had not done well in Michigan.

#### THE GOVERNMENT EXPERT.

Prof. W. T. Macoun, horticulturist at the Ottawa Experimental Farm, spoke upon hardy fruits for northern districts. From the present northern limits of commercial fruit growing there was a district of some 500 miles to James Bay. There was no probable reason why apples should not be grown as far north as James Bay. Sun scald, root killing, blight and mice were the principal causes of failure at present in northern localities. Prof. Macoun explained the methods by which these troubles could be overcome, as found by experiments at Ottawa.

Dr. Wm. Saunders, director of the Ottawa Experimental Farm, supplemented Prof. Macoun's paper with an account of the work done by the experimental farm in the way of testing fruit trees for use in the northern parts of Canada and in the northwest.

Mr. W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the fruit division of the Agricultural Department, Ottawa, spoke upon power spraying. In a district near Woodstock under unfavorable conditions the cost of power spraying was four cents per tree per application, and the result was that there was great difficulty in

finding scabs on sprayed trees. On unsprayed trees there was difficulty in finding any fruit trees free from scabs.

Mr. W. H. Owen said that the co-operative farmers of Catawba Island, Ohio, had gone in for power spraying, and had had much success.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the American fruit growers present.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The nominating committee reported the officers for the coming year. Their report recommended the re-election of all of the officers and directors. The principal officers therefore are: President, W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines; vice-president, A. McNeill, Walkerville. Mr. W. W. Cox, of Collingwood, was replaced on the board of directors by A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Bunting, A. McNeill and Murray Pettit, to act with kindred societies in matters of mutual interest.

#### JANUARY NUMBER.

In the January number of this journal much prominence will be given to topics discussed at the annual meeting, and altogether we hope to make it especially attractive to all our readers.

AN ITEM having appeared in a Toronto paper about a squash weighing 104 pounds, the Goderich Star rises to remark something about what can be grown in Huron county. It says: "Without going so far back as Mr. Wm. Warnock's champion squash at the Chicago World's Fair, weighing over 400 pounds, last year he grew one weighing 322 pounds, and John S. Howrie one weighing 308 pounds, and this year Mr. Howrie gained a Reunie prize with one of 285 pounds. When it comes to growing squashes Goderich can beat the world."