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## MR. A. R. GORHAM HAS BEEN CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE N. B. FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

The Convention was Brought to a Close Last Night—Officers Chosen for the Ensuing Year—Much Interest Manifested in Papers and Discussions—Important Resolutions to be Presented to the Government.

The annual session of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association was ended last night. The sessions were most interesting with optimism the keynote and the feeling expressed that fruit-growing in this province is capable of great development.

### Officers Elected

The officers elected are as follows: Honorary President, S. L. Peters, Queenstown.

President A. R. Gorham, Grey's Mills.

Vice-President W. B. Gilman Kingsclear.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Turney, Fredericton.

Additional members of executive: T. A. Clark, Chartersville; A. G. Dunphy, Douglas.

A committee to place resolutions before the Minister of Agriculture was appointed as follows: The officers and Col. O. W. Wetmore, S. B. Hatheway, H. H. Smith, R. A. Filmore and A. R. Gorham.

### Evening Session

E. P. Bradt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, addressed the Association Wednesday night.

He stated that he was very favorably impressed with the work of the fruit growers of the province. Both climatic and soil conditions he said, were good and the fame of the Provincial Fruit Growers' apples spoke well for the future of the apple growing industry. What had been done in the past year concerning the cooperative marketing showed well what the fruit growers could do when they got together.

He referred to the address of the Dominion Fruit Commissioner on the future outlook for the industry and said that prospects were never brighter than at present. One thing the farmers had to fight against in their work was the apple-scab which called for close attention and much time for spraying. Especially was this true in the McIntosh and Fameuse varieties which were more susceptible to scab than others. Concerning small fruit, the speaker stated that one had only to view the fruit to judge of the conditions. The size, quality and appearance of strawberries and raspberries spoke well for New Brunswick conditions. As far as the Department of Agriculture was concerned the Association could obtain help from it at any time they so desired in this work.

### Resolutions

The resolutions committee composed of W. W. Hubbard, Fredericton; S. B. Hatheway, Kingsclear; A. R. Gorham, Gray's Mills; H. H. Smith, Hoyt Station and W. B. Gilman of Kingsclear then brought in the resolutions prepared by them.

The Association placed on record its appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture to the Fruit Growers in the grading and packing of their fruit. By resolution they also recognized the fact that the increased production and maintenance of the high quality of the fruit if kept up necessitated an increase in the scope of the work of the Horticultural Branch of the Department. A committee to this end was to be appointed.

A resolution was also passed that the Association request the Horticultural Branch be requested to procure one of the best available spray-dusters for demonstration purposes this year.

Resolutions approving of the Orchard Field Day at various points in the province during the ensuing year as well as the holding of a Canadian National Apple Show at Toronto in December of this year were also passed.

The question of the standard barrel was thoroughly discussed.

### Lively Discussion

W. L. Potts of St. John spoke on the shipping side of the question, looking at it from the standpoint of a buyer. In his opinion attractive packing of any kind of fruit has much to do

## RUHR DISTRICT IN THE POWER OF EXTREMISTS

Workers Forced to Leave Their Jobs and Join the Uprising—Police Powerless to Keep Order.

London, April.—Most of towns in the Ruhr district are in the power of the extremists, who are forcing the workers to leave their jobs and join the Red army according to the Dutch press. The burgomaster and the leaders of the majority socialists and centre parties at Duisburg have notified the government that the conduct of the town is so bad there is no hope of the police preventing plundering and other outrages by the mob, dispatched state. Only governmental action can save the town, it is declared.

### Granted an Extension.

Paris, April 1.—The German government has granted leaders of workmen forces in the Ruhr districts 48 hour extension of time in which either to accept or reject the terms included in the ultimatum sent to Essen late last week, according to advices received here from Berlin, negotiations between representatives of the workers and government delegates are proceeding at Berlin, and it is said, it is believed the conflict in the Ruhr valley may be settled without further hostilities.

with its sale, and a rather lively discussion ensued regarding the honesty or business acumen of commission merchants, jobbers, etc. of St. John.

The matter of shipping apples in boxes rather than in barrels was taken up and discussed by Mr. Hatheway and Mr. Baxter. It has been established that boxes are now preferred in the old country to barrels and wrapped apples also have the preference in that market.

### Wednesday Afternoon.

The afternoon session of the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association was opened by the reading by W. W. Hubbard of a letter from Dr. George M. Twitchell of Augusta, Maine, to A. G. Turney, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. Dr. Twitchell wished the members success in all their undertaking and expressed a deep desire to be able to discuss with the growers of this province the conditions of supply and demand. He emphasized the value of spray and dust as a prevention against plant and fruit diseases.

In another letter to Mr. Hubbard, he dealt largely with the raising of plums. He urged fewer varieties of apples more complete fertilization, the breaking up of blocks and the more free use of lime.

Dr. Twitchell is a man who knows whereof he speaks, as he has conducted many experiments both on fruit and sprays.

### S. B. Hatheway.

The next item on the program was "Lessons from Our New Orchards" by S. B. Hatheway and W. W. Hubbard.

Mr. Hatheway spoke to some extent on the growing of apples, and confined his remarks to conditions as they exist on his own farm at Springhill, where over 6,000 apple trees are in various stages of cultivation. In his estimation land suitable for an orchard need not be so highly cultivated as is generally supposed. He recommended the two-year-old tree as the best for the average farmer, and was strong in his condemnation of painting new trees with central leaders. The central leader catches the wind, shades the north side of the tree and hinders proper spraying. Mr. Hatheway's idea is "Quality, not Quantity." It is absolutely necessary that both apples and trees should be accessible to both sun and spray. He had three sprouts with which to demonstrate trees of different age and made his address both interesting and instructive.

## BILL TO EXTEND THE VALLEY RAILWAY NORTH OF CENTREVILLE BEFORE THE HOUSE

Premier Foster Promises a Statement Concerning the Present Status of the Road—Succession Duties to be Increased—Leader Murray Sings the Old Song and Mr. Peck Puts on a Comedy Stunt—More Bills Introduced.

More important legislation, including a bill to provide for the extension of the St. John & Quebec Railway, and another to provide for an increase in succession duties, was brought down in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Foster and Attorney General Byrne. The Premier promised that when the Valley Railway reaches the committee stage he will make a statement regarding the present status of the road, which will include a reference to the litigation now pending and the position of the province with respect to the Prudential Trust Co. of Montreal, the concern which the old government made the custodian of the bond issue.

### The Easter Adjournment.

The House will adjourn this evening for the Easter holidays and will stand adjourned until Tuesday next. When it re-assembles the budget debate will be concluded as early as possible, and attention given to the important public bills now standing for consideration. Although there is a lot of work before the House, it is believed that there is a good chance for prorogation taking place before the 20th instant.

### he Budget Debate.

Mr. Peck, of Albert, had the floor in the debate on the budget yesterday, but he was brushed to one side and compelled to make room for heavier timber. Leader Murray resumed the debate and held forth for two and one half hours. He had the same old story and the same old criticism of the government, and the House showed signs of weariness when he resumed his seat at nine o'clock in the evening. Mr. LeBlanc, of Restigouche, and Mr. Peck, of Albert, succeeded in dispelling the gloom from the chamber which had gathered during the opposition leader's speech. Both gentlemen spoke well and their speeches were followed with interest by the members and the spectators.

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## MANY BILLS CONSIDERED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Town Council of Marysville is Authorized to Borrow \$3,000—The Election Act to be Amended—Chatham School Board Authorized to Issue Debentures—An Important Bill Relating to the Village of St. Leonards, Madawaska.

## Y. M. C. A. HAS ORGANIZED FOR ATHLETICS

J. R. Walker President of the Association—St. John Y. Basketball Team Expected Soon.

Last evening a meeting of the Athletic Association of the local Y. M. C. A. was held. An election of officers was held, and the matter of holding track meets as soon as the weather permits was discussed. This Association is doing its best to push amateur sport in the city and the matter will soon be taken up with the City Council. The membership of all in Fredericton interested in Athletics is solicited as well as the hearty support of any who may be themselves unable to join, but who may wish the local Association well.

### Officers Elected.

The officers elected were as follows:—

President—J. R. Walker  
Secretary—A. G. Dustin  
Treasurer—Trafford Donovan  
Captain Senior Basketball Team—Roland Murray.

A committee was also appointed to look after base-ball matters for the coming season and W. P. Keenan was elected chairman.

It is expected that a Senior Y. M. C. A. basketball team from St. John will play the local Y. M. C. A. here April 9th and two volley ball teams will probably be here from the same place on the 16th.

Fredericton has some excellent basketball material and Instructor Cochrane is working night and day to get the team in shape.

## FLOUR MAY AGAIN ADVANCE

Ottawa, March 31.—A material advance in the price of flour in Canada is indicated in an announcement made here on behalf of the Canadian millers by George A. Macdonald representing the Quaker Oats Company and head of the delegation of representative millers which waited upon the government today to discuss the serious condition which Canadian mills are facing as a result of the action of the Canadian Wheat Board in continuing the restriction in the price of flour on the Canadian market, and the lack of export markets for Canadian flour. The increase will be necessary to meet the increasing cost of manufacture it is indicated.

Mr. Macdonald will ask the government to modify the action of the wheat board and co-operate with the millers.

Vast quantities of flour are said to be available in the United States for export and this complicates the Canadian problem. It is said that more than 4,000 men have already been thrown out of employment by the forced closing down of some of the mills of which there are about 500 in Canada.

## BAR NEGROES FROM PRIMARY

Montgomery, Ala., April 1.—Negro voters will not be allowed to participate in the Alabama Democratic primary May 11, under a ruling made today by W. D. Nesbitt chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

This ruling it was explained will not prevent negro voters from exercising the right of suffrage in the general election in November.

J. L. De Grace of Campbellton is in the city.

The Municipalities Committee met at 11 o'clock this morning.

Consideration was given the Bill to amend the Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Town of Marysville. R. B. Hanson, K. C. appeared for the Town of Marysville. He explained that the purpose of the first section of the Bill was to repeal the section which states the hours during which nominations for town election may be received upon nomination day. Other sections of the Bill require that candidates be qualified as voters and that nominors possess the same qualification, also that candidates must formally accept nomination and that nominations must be filed six days prior to the day set for the election. The Town Council of Marysville also is authorized to borrow money to an amount not exceeding \$3,000.

The Bill was reported.

### Other Legislation.

The Committee also considered a Bill to authorize the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Chatham to issue debentures to an amount not to exceed \$35,000 at a rate not to exceed six per cent, to be applied to the redemption of a balance of a former debenture issue of \$40,000.

The Bill was reported.

A Bill for the purpose of empowering the village of St. Leonards after incorporation as a Town, to provide a system of water works, was considered.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale objected to Section 5 which was to authorize the Town to take the water of any rivers, lakes or ponds within ten miles on the ground that the power applied for was too broad and gave exclusive rights.

Mr. Michaud said that the right was not exclusive.

The section was amended by providing that the town must procure the consent of the Minister of Public Works before taking any such water.

Mr. Potts advocated a provision in the Bill for water taxes on land to provide revenue from mains running through sparsely populated districts.

The Bill was reported as amended.

## COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

Winnipeg, Man., March 29.—The commissioner finds that the great mass of workers, intelligent and loyal to British institutions, did not acquiesce in all that was said and done and it was not clear to the latter that the move of the radicals was not that of obtaining the right to a mode of collective bargaining for a group of workers but that their purpose was to elevate labor into a state of dictatorship, is the statement made in an official report of the Robson Royal commission released for publication by Premier T. C. Norris, today.

## WARNING TO COAL USERS

Washington, March 30.—A warning to the bituminous coal users of the country to defer purchases until May June and July has been issued by the Bituminous Coal Commission.

The commission fears that a peak of high prices will be brought in April if consumers rush into the market to stock up. In its efforts to stabilize the industry the commission has worked out in detail and President Wilson is executing through personal letters, a campaign to have all Government and utility purchases made during the summer months.

Mr. F. G. Goodspeed, C. E., of St. John is in the city.

H. J. Mackenzie of Minto is in the city.

R. D. Inness of Sackville is a guest at the Queen.

L. B. Smith of St. John is at the Barker House.

D. R. Usher of Grand Bay is at the Barker House.

## STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

(Furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen Street, Fredericton.)

New York.	
American Wool	131 1/2
Bethel Steel B.	95 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio	34
Crucible	254 1/2
Dutch	195
General Motors	381
Marine pfd.	32 1/2
Marine common	35
Mexican Petroleum	195 1/2
N. Y. Central, ex d.	73
Repub. Iron and Steel	106
Rubber	109 1/2
Studebaker	104 1/2
U. S. Steel	103 1/2
Sterling	391 1/4 to 391 1/2
Montreal.	
N. Y. funds, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2.	
Brazilian	47
Canad. Cement	67 1/2
Dom. Iron and Steel	71
Detroit United	113
International Breweries	51
Steel of Canada common	81 1/2

R. G. Goodwin of Montreal is at the Queen.

as fruit farming is concerned, and that the outlook for this business was never brighter. He advised specializing in certain varieties and letting others strictly alone. The public is becoming more discriminating and its demands must be satisfied. The packing and marketing should be under the supervision of an association to obtain the best results. Regarding small fruits, he said that the acreage had decreased since 1910 until today the canners are importing large quantities of fruit from the States.

### Strawberry Session.

L. T. Floyd, Provincial Apiarist, was the next speaker and dealt very ably with the small fruit question, drawing many examples from his own experience in the business at his home in Kings County. He explained the system of planting, caring for, picking and shipping the product and declared that St. John is the poorest local market for berries.

Col. O. W. Wetmore, the President, carried on the discussion on the subject and after he finished the meeting was open for general discussion.