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of the Division convened a conference of fruitgrowers to discuss ways and means of implementing the proposal. In opening the conference the Minister (Hon. E. H. Graham), emphasised the need for a State-wide body which would facilitate dealing with problems common to all branches of the industry.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham), has appealed to farmers in the north-west and inland irrigation areas to grow all the grain sorghum possible this year as an offset to the drought affected wheat crops.

In a recent article in the Canadian Agricultural Institute Review, Mr. M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist, discusses the expansion of the fruit and vegetable industry in Canada. The opinion is expressed that the stage is set for a tremendous increase in apple production in that country in the next 10 to 15 years. The average annual production at present is around 12,000,000 bushels, and it is estimated that this figure will be increased to 20,000,000 bushels in the not far distant future. Increased local consumption and increased exports will be required to dispose of this potential production.

It is estimated that continental Europe, excluding the Soviet Union, will have produce in 1945-46 about 52 to 57 per cent. of its average annual meat, cheese and egg requirements, and about 63 per cent. of its whole milk needs for fluid consumption.

STAFF NOTES.

Mr. R. N. Smith took up duty as First Clerk of the Division on 2nd September, and Mr. S. D. Robertson, the Second Clerk, transferred on the same date to another branch of the Department.

Mr. J. R. Williams has been appointed to the position of Acting Second Clerk and Mr. D. McGregor as Acting Third Clerk.