

to us for the disposal of our fruits, we should increase our efforts in the development of the interests represented by this Association. I am a fruit grower myself by mere accident, that is to say, the trees grow the fruit and I look on, and I am trying to learn the interesting process by which the fruit develops itself, and also to ascertain the best methods for facilitating such development. But of course you understand that my chief interests lie in another direction, and that while you are giving your minds and thoughts to the cultivation of fruits, I am giving my thoughts mainly to cultivation of quite another kind, yet I believe that the cultivation of the mind is acting some part in promoting all other kinds of cultivation, including fruits. I assure you I like to feel that in advancing intellectual culture we are doing something indirectly to promote fruit growing as well as the other industries of the country. But we can only indirectly and imperfectly meet your wants in this respect. Mr. Chairman, I think the time is coming—and if it has not already come certainly will come very soon—when the agriculturists and horticulturists of this country ought to set themselves to work to obtain educational institutions of their own (applause), so that they may be able to give their sons the training and education that they shall need to properly qualify them to successfully carry forward and develop the material prosperity of the country. I desire to thank you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, for the hearty reception given to this toast.

The next toast proposed was "*The Press*," the name of the indefatigable Mr. Dennis being coupled with this toast.

Mr. DENNIS said : Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Speech making is not at all in my line, and all that I can do is to thank you, and to promise that I will do anything that I possibly can towards making the aims and objects of this Association more familiar than they are to-day. In listening to the various interesting addresses delivered here to-day I have been impressed by the vast amount of intelligence and information displayed on the subject of fruit growing, and I would like to see every intelligent farmer in Nova Scotia know as much upon this subject as was indicated by those who have spoken to-day, and if the aims and interests of this Society have been successfully carried out in these Western Counties, I can see no reason why similar success should not attend similar movements in other parts of the Province.