

work of these stations should not be confined to experiments in varieties alone. Careful experiments should be conducted with the different fertilizers for a term of years from the time the trees or vines are planted. Also experiments in pruning, cultivation, spraying, and, in fact, everything that would tend to lessen the cost of production of fruit.

Through the patriotism of Mr. Anthony Copp, of Hamilton, the fruit growers of that section sent a collection of fruit to Her Majesty the Queen. Unfortunately it was not thought of early enough to send a good collection of summer fruit. Twenty-nine cases were forwarded to the Canadian High Commissioner, Sir Donald Smith, consisting of about fifteen varieties of apples, half-a-dozen of grapes, a few pears and quinces, and the following reply was received:

LONDON, November 21.

The Canadian High Commissioner received the following note from the Queen's Private Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur J. Bigge, dated Windsor Castle: "I am commanded by the Queen to beg you to be good enough to arrange that Her Majesty's best thanks be conveyed to those fruit growers in the neighborhood of Hamilton, Ontario, who kindly offered, through you, for Her Majesty's acceptance, a beautiful consignment of their year's crop, which the Queen is glad to hear has been unusually large and excellent in quality. The cases were received yesterday by the Master of the Household, and their contents were in excellent condition, and some of the fruit served at Her Majesty's table proved excellent."

HORTICULTURAL REMINISCENCES.

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[This paper was read by the Secretary, who stated that his father had been asked to read this paper because he was one of only two or three living representatives of the Association as first formed about the year 1860, and he was one of the constituent members at its organization.]

Truths of revelation, facts in science and art, development of mind and matter, are the right of no particular class, but are designed to be free for all. Therefore, every man ought to gather and distribute what he can for the well-being of his fellows, and for the progress of his country. He should learn from the running river, and not from the stagnant pool, which breeds miasma in all directions; from the merry rill, which gathers from many other streams, meanders through the meadow, swells in the vale, turns the mill, and bears on its bosom the ships laden with commerce to the broad ocean. Thus good men have travelled and collected knowledge of laws and art to bring home, and show their own people how to use soil and climate to better advantage. Pope said: "The fur that warms the monarch warmed the bear," and how much more may it be said of Mother Earth that she warms and feeds the rich and poor. God, who planted the first garden on the virgin earth, seemed to select from the fields the trees and vines, indicating that horticulture was of a higher grade than agriculture. The proverb, "Prepare the cage before you catch the bird," is verified in that God prepared the garden before he gave man a wife. Solomon said, "I made me gardens and orchards," and he reigned in peace when every man sat under his own vine and fig tree, using the plowshare and pruning hook instead of the sword and spear, and it seems as though the people would be more happy than the Athenians who spent their time in inquiring "What news?" Each savage owns the forest, but has no garden. The sluggard sleeps and neglects his garden, while the thorn and the thistle grow broader and higher: The cultivated garden indicates civilized man; here he may show a refined taste in fruit and flowers. England, by her position and sovereignty of the sea, has not only selected the best of all lands, but has also cultivated in peace the richest of them, and to us she may well be called the Mother Country, while the German speaks in similar terms of his "fatherland."

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