

proportionate increase in the apple production. The present season, however, as stated before, will, like the season of 1883 and 1884, show a large decrease on the previous seasons exports, but in the natural course of events we may expect the season of 1888 and 1889 to far exceed any previous ones.

The prices realized during the present season have been on the whole most encouraging, and the total returns will in a very great measure make up for the small quantity shipped.

The number of apple trees that are likely to be planted next Spring bids fair to exceed by far any previous season's planting in the history of the province, and it is gratifying to note a general disposition to plant home grown trees when it is possible to obtain satisfactory stock, and further, growers are beginning to understand the importance of selecting varieties suitable to their soils with a view to productiveness and market value. This subject has been pretty fully discussed by the Association from time to time which doubtless has been the means of enlightening many, but the question is by no means exhausted.

There are many knotty questions and hard problems in connection with fruit growing yet to be solved, and it is by such meetings as this, when discussions, interchange of ideas, and comparison of practice with theory, that we may expect to arrive at the best results.

The treat necessary to exterminate the insect pests is a question requiring very serious consideration, notwithstanding we have received much valuable instruction from Professor Fletcher, and that most severe of school masters, *Experience*.

Paris Green in a weak solution applied at a very early stage in the life of the canker worm, has been found very beneficial in some instances, but the great uncertainty as to the strength of the poison has often rendered this treatment futile, and while the fact was being discovered the worms had so increased in size and strength that a solution of sufficient strength to kill them would destroy the entire foliage, and thus the remedy was equal to if not worse than the disease. Finding this to be the case some orchardists have returned to the old system of bands of paper and printer's ink, or a substitute for the latter. This system has proved fairly satisfactory when properly followed up.