

exhibition and to the meetings for discussion, prepared to take an active and prominent part for the general good.

The question of utilization does not end here, though it may well begin with the former suggestion. We would like to see the samples of our exhibited fruits at our Provincial shows, more widely distributed, to catch the eyes of as many beholders as possible. Let the Provincial Association pass a rule, that all prize, farm, and garden products are to be considered as the property of the Association, and a difficulty is obviated in these not being the property of the Association. Something similar is done by the owners of stock and machines. Why not with fruits? The same bull that took the prize to-day may be exhibited next week in a distant county, and carry off golden opinions and something else from a different body of exhibitors. So with machines, let it also be with fruits. Let means be established whereby others can derive benefit from our fruit growing. Believing, as I do, that our more immediate districts of Toronto and Hamilton, Niagara and Erie, are yet destined to become the great fruit growing districts of our country, it becomes us not to let our light be hid under a bushel. I would also send samples of our fruit to Newfoundland, and thus show them what we can do so far west, but I would also send to the township and agricultural fairs in the remoter districts where fruit is scarce, and where there is, or rather ought to be, a demand for it, the products that could be put in their way, if only they desire them, as a healthy addition to their food and comfort.

The exportation of fruit ought also to be encouraged. Similar means as the foregoing ought to be used to accomplish so important an object. Our Association should attempt to open up means of communication with the Royal Society of England, the Royal Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland, and with the Dublin Horticultural Society, and enter as competitors as fruit growers in their exhibitions; such intercommunication would do more to develop provincial export than even the reports of our Provincial Exhibitions would do for years. It may be remembered, for I do, that some years ago specimens of our Canadian grown apples were forwarded to the Royal Society, which created quite a surprise among the members. These means must be reiterated, and like efforts made at short intervals. We must make more of our advantages than we have yet done. Good will redound, not only to the country generally, but to the farming class particularly.

In close connection with this subject is the question of the best varieties. This has been somewhat authoritatively settled by some of our savans, in the pages of our publications. With due deference to the extensive knowledge of the practical horticulturists among us, I would suggest the propriety of a double division of "Fruits desirable to be cultivated." First and foremost, market varieties claim our first attention, but the conditions of fruit-growing are far from being served by furthering the production of market varieties; we want another class of fruits to suit a large, and, I am happy to say, an influential class in our Association—I refer to the amateur class. Men who cultivate for pleasure and beauty, as well as for profit, such apples as the Pomme Royal, Summer Rose, Mother, Autumn, Strawberry, Tetofsky, and many of a similar class, and they are many, ought not to be discarded from even general cultivation, although for profit they cannot be compared to the old market varieties. Greater and greater attention is being given by an increasing number of amateurs to these superb varieties. The Pomme Royal—an apple not enjoying that eminent position its merits ought to command—is one of the best summer apples. The same may be said of the Swayzie Pomme Gris as a winter apple. In exhibitions for prizes this distinction ought to be kept steadily in view. At a late competition for excellence in fruits, we saw a plate of Mother apples entirely overlooked, and a poor but common variety carrying off the palm in its stead.

This leads us to notice a distinctive feature of the prize catalogue of the present Provincial Exhibition, and that is the classifying the different kinds of pears and apples, and only bringing varieties of the same kind into comparison. We write in anticipation of the event, but we venture to augur that the display will exceed the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The change, we believe, will work well, and simplify the labour of the judges. It is scarcely fair to ask a man to decide between a plate of Seckels and a plate of Bartletts. By the new mode the difficulty is obviated, and the decision is not left to individual taste. We would like to see our Association introduce

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