

low in vitality; you have seen the poor scrub, the cow that boards with the farmer winter and summer and is unable to pay her board bill; you have seen the gnarled and scurvy orchards, the undisturbed breeding grounds of the marvelous insects that are so beautiful to the entomologist but so death-dealing to the agriculturist. I need not multiply the examples; you know them all. But multiply them by hundreds—rather by thousands—and foot up the cost, and your total will reach millions upon millions—figures which will appal the calculator."

Would not the same reasoning apply with equal force to this Province? Unfortunately, we have no available data to refer to, if we wish to ascertain the annual value of the agricultural products of this Island; but it must be large. We should surely produce as much per head of population as Ontario does. If it is remembered that we have one commercial traveller, visiting this agricultural Province and paying a license fee of \$20, for about every 1500 acres of land in cultivation; and that these gentlemen do not live upon nothing when here; that some of them visit us several times in the year; that they do not come for amusement; simply, that their employers would not send them here except there was business to be done, and to be made; and that, in addition to the business transacted through these commercial gentlemen, a large amount of the importing business is done by our merchants, without their intervention; and that, practically speaking, and outside of our fisheries, all this is paid for by the farmers,—is it not clear that the agricultural output of P. E. Island is much greater than, on a superficial view, would appear? In discussing this point, it must be borne in mind that our exports, even if we knew their amount, do not represent the total, or anything like the total, of our products. It is surprising how, in conversation with people, even with business men, on this subject, it seems to be assumed that the value of our products is represented by the value of our exports. In other words, that the measure of our agricultural and kindred exports is the measure of our agricultural and kindred products. Yet, a moment's thought must show any sane man that that is not the case. To the value of the exports,