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The Annapolis Valley is doing well. It will send over even yet about one million barrels of apples. There is not any great profit in them this year, but last year money was made by the growers.

This is a long letter but it is due to you that I write from Halifax and give you some little explanation of conditions.

Colonel Phinney wants to retire from the Presidency of the Association. I would feel that we should not let him go out just now. He has done a very useful spade work among our younger men upon whom we must rely, and if you are not too busy I wish you would write him a letter telling him in effect that you have heard of the good spade work he has done since his election as President and that you hope he will continue in his efforts. I do not know how Mr. Phinney's business is. He has a large business in the sale of the musical instruments and I would suppose that the hard times in these provinces the last two years would have caused his sales to have fallen off materially. Besides, the inventories must have shrunk. Col. Phinney's *uncle, cousin* who ran for us in Kings County last election, is a very admirable man. I place him, R.K. Smith of Amherst, Col. Cantley of New Glasgow and W.H. Dennis, as a splendid group who will do always what they can to back you. Cantley's judgment may not always be the best but he is energetic, puts himself into the *fight* and does not want to hold the clothes of those who go in the front line. *he is there*

There are political changes pending in the organization of the local Government here that may change the political outlook

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