

It seems that our orchards are just recovering from a condition of barrenness and impoverishment to which for several years they have been subject, and which has been accompanied by the destructive effects of insects and diseases to an unprecedented extent. But now, either as the result of better cultivation and the more liberal application of fertilizers, or from other causes beyond the control of the fruit grower, our orchards are showing this year a thrifty growth, and a dark green healthy foliage which gives us the greatest reassurance.

All this combined with the splendid foreign markets opening up for our apples in England, Scotland, Norway and Sweden, and even by the Pacific route to the vast empire of India, cannot fail to remove all fears that apple growing will prove an unprofitable industry in Canada.

The privilege of wisely improving the
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now opening up, is ours. If we disappoint the expectations of our foreign friends whose opinions of our fruits have been so highly exalted by the display at the Colonial, we shall fall into a worse position than was our previous obscurity.

Our worthy President, Alex. McD. Allan, gave us many excellent hints on packing fruits for foreign shipments at the Collingwood meeting. One important point was the careful grading of our apples, the large size, the small but highly colored, and the uncolored, all to be put up in separate packages; and only one grade to go in each barrel. Indeed every package should prove through and through alike in quality, so that a buyer opening up could scarcely say which end was intended to be opened. For extra choice apples he recommended the use of half-barrels, as being more easily handled, and more salable for high-priced fruit.

It is proposed to have a

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at our next annual meeting which will be held at either Hamilton or Grimsby in September next, in order that this question of our foreign markets may be fully ventilated, and thus this important Canadian industry be further promoted. Mr. A. McD. Allan has been solicited to take up this subject more or less in his annual address, by some of our prominent growers, and certainly no man in Canada is so well qualified to direct our enterprise towards a successful issue as Canada's Apple King.

As this meeting will be in the very heart of one of the foremost fruit producing regions of Canada, where are to be found some of the the most extensive and experienced of our fruit growers, a very large and enthusiastic gathering may be confidently expected, in spite even of the very busy season of the year.

THE DELAWARE RED WINTER.

AMONG the new apples whose merits are to be tested within the next few years is the Delaware, of which our coloured plate is claimed to be a faithful representation. It is a seedling, which originated on the farm of Wm. P. Corsa, and gets its name from the State of Delaware in which it was found.

It is described thus:—"Fruit medium to large, round, bright red, highly coloured; flesh fine grained, crisp, juicy, excellent, sub-acid; tree a vigorous grower, an abundant an early bearer." As a market apple it is compared with the Baldwin, and the Northern Spy; and it is thought to be adapted for a more southern belt of country than that in which these varieties flourish. We do not know that it has been as yet tested farther north than the State of New Jersey.