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PRESIDENT OF F. G. A.

BY J. B. BOWSER.

Mr. Chairman, Officers, and Members of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia:

In assembling here this evening, in connection with the FRUIT SHOW, and ANNUAL MEETING of this ASSOCIATION, and reviewing the high position it has already attained in the influence exerted upon the numerous orchardists of this Province; we should indeed feel greatly encouraged in this good and patriotic work. When we consider the great object contemplated in its organization, it must be a source of pleasure and gratification to us, as a body, to behold what has already been achieved through its agency.

What more beautiful sight than the well-cultivated orchard in the genial spring time, when, through the laws of the Great Creator, those trees shoot forth and bud, and bursting into sweet-scented blossoms, appear dressed in robes of beauty, filling the heart of the beholder with admiration and wonder. But let the coming season of vivifying sunshine and shower do its work, and then, under the serene and pleasing aspect of an autumn sky, we view the amazing transformation from blossom to fruit; and each tree, with its branches weighed down, patiently awaiting the full development of the ripening process.

The object contemplated by this Association not only begets a feeling of social refinement and culture in the community around, but it reaches far beyond this, and is found to be a source of vast commercial importance.

Mr. President, we have said that this meeting and fruit-show is in connection with the annual meeting; and, Sir, we have been wont when thus met from time to time, to grasp the friendly hand and greet the cheerful voice and countenance of some of those, who, from the earliest history of this society, have almost invariably been found at their post of duty. Those of us most regular in attendance, have noticed, some few at least, whose presence seemed always to be looked for as a matter of certainty; and then, as the minutes are read, and