

SUMMER MEETING.

HELD AT WEST RIVER, PICTOU CO., JUNE 26th, 1890.

By invitation of friends in Pictou County the above meeting was called at the School House, West River. A goodly number of farmers and others interested in fruit growing were present. In the absence of the President or Vice-President at the time for opening the meeting the Rev. Mr. Thompson was called to the chair, and opened proceedings by prayer, after which he briefly addressed the assemblage, offering some timely suggestions and welcoming the Fruit Growers' Association to Pictou Co. Here Dr. Munroe, Vice-President for Pictou Co. entered, and Rev. Mr. Thompson requested him to take the chair.

The SECRETARY then read portions of the minutes of the last meeting, and called upon MR. WM. O. CREIGHTON, of West River, who read the following paper :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

As the apple is unquestionably our most important fruit, the care and cultivation of young orchards is a matter of the utmost importance. I believe I do not over-estimate the facts when I say that thousands of dollars worth of trees, and hundreds of orchards are planted in Pictou County every year, not one in every hundred of which receive proper care and attention. Most people seem to think that once the tree is planted it should take care of itself. The result is that grass and weeds grow up around the trunk, the trees become stunted, bark louse, borer and other insect enemies prey upon its life, and the tree dies, or is a mere lumberer of the ground. Then the cry is raised that fruit growing is not profitable. Would stock raising pay under similar neglect? Neither can you expect fruit raising to prove profitable without proper attention. But with the same care and attention that will make stock raising profitable, I believe fruit raising will give by far the larger profit.

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