

N. S. Fruit Growers' Association.

THE IDEAL ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of again presenting to you my annual report and have to record that for the first time in the history of this Association, owing to an unusually abundant fruit crop throughout the continent, and a consequent overstock in all our fruit markets, the fruit industry has not been as remunerative as usual.

From the most reliable information obtainable I report the apple crop of Nova Scotia this year at 500,000 barrels. The crop in Ontario and Quebec is reported to be 3,000,000 barrels, or more than double of any previous year for Canada.

The United States Government returns put their apple crop at 60,000,000 barrels. We have shipped already 230,000 barrels, principally to London, there to be met with enormous consignments from United States and Ontario, amounting to 2,300,000 barrels, shipped to England, which has so overstocked that great market that prices have returned to the grower an average of from 75 cents to \$1.00 per barrel.

Although this extreme over-production may not occur again for some time, I think the time has come when we must base our calculations for apple crops at not over one dollar per barrel average, and at this price with reasonable freight rates, I claim that this can be made the most profitable farm industry in Nova Scotia, and as compared with the low prices likely to continue for all food products, this must be considered an equitable price, and all my previous calculations for apple production in Nova Scotia have been based at \$1.00 per barrel.

The crop of small fruits and berries (plums especially) has been universally abundant, and consequently low prices have prevailed. The extremely low prices obtained for fruit this year should stimulate us all to renewed effort to combine for self protection against exorbitant freight rates and other charges, to introduce a better system of packing and marketing and to economizing our business in every department.

I am pleased to report that the Act for the destruction of Black Knot on plum trees has been effectively carried into effect in this town by C. A. Patriquin, the agent employed by the Council, and a larger crop and better fruit has been the result. I hope it will be carried out through the Province next year.

You will also be asked to petition the Legislature to pass an Act for the destruction of canker worm and other injurious pests by making spraying compulsory.

ture in this Province cranberries were properly cultivated have proved most profitable and an acre of cranberry bog properly cultivated in each county as a specimen, would develop a most profitable industry.

The promoters of the Halifax cold storage warehouse having failed so far in securing the required capital and fruit growers as well as all producers of perishable fruit products are deprived of the advantage of any cold storage in this Province.

You will receive a full report of the School of Horticulture from the Chairman and Director, to which I would add that this important and most useful branch of our Association is doing excellent work, having an attendance of 67 students, representing almost every county of the Province, as well as students from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

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THE WHITE RIBBON.

"For God and Home and Native Land."

Conducted by the Ladies of the W. C. T. U.

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Goderich, Jan. 11 (Special).—A case of great interest has just occurred in that of Mr. Alexander J. Sharkey, who for some time has been an extreme sufferer from Rheumatism. His statement to the correspondent is as follows:—

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Any POISON in blood is sure to do havoc somewhere. The only Preventive is sound kidneys, the only Cure, kidney medicine, the only Medicine is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

WE DO NOT CLAIM TO SELL House Finish, Doors, Sashes, Blinds, etc. more cheaply than our competitors, but we do claim to use better Stock, and give you better value.

HALEY BROS., & CO., ST. JOHN, N. B. F. W. WOODMAN, Wolfville, is our Agent.

MONUMENTS In Red and Grey Polished Granite and Marble. Strictly first-class Work. GRIFFIN & KELTIE, 323 BARRINGTON ST., HALIFAX.

WARNING! TO PIANO AND ORGAN PURCHASERS! THE great popularity of the 'BELL' PIANOS and ORGANS has created much jealousy among certain Piano dealers.

Willis Piano and Organ Co. Any other advertiser, therefore, who may claim in any way the agency for the Bell Pianos, or Bell Organs, do so under false pretences, to attract attention to goods sold in opposition to those renowned instruments.

The Willis Piano and Organ Co., STELLARTON, SOLE AGENTS FOR N. S. DAILY EXPECTED FROM NEW YORK. A Cargo of Best Lackawanna Valley Hard Coal!

STOP AND READ. COAL! COAL! COAL! We have in stock the celebrated LACKAWANNA HARD COAL in all sizes—fresh from the mines.

JOB PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION Well and Cheaply Done. "The Acadian" Office.

Granby Rubbers. Modelling each year to fit all the latest shoe shapes. Extra thick ball and heel.

ROBERT STANFORD, LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S Fine Tailoring. 154 and 156 HOLLIS STREET, Halifax, N. S.

Fruit Trees for Sale! Weston Nursery, Kings Co., N. S. I have for sale a good stock of trees for planting, comprising Ben Davis, Spy, Bushnell Pippin, Fallwater, Nonsuch, Wagner, Powaka, Banks Red Gravenstein, and the common Gravenstein, and Moore's Arctic Plum—fruited.

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NOTICE. Having secured the Shop recently occupied by Mr W. Regan, I am now in a position to supply the public with all Goods in my line.

Custom Boots & Shoes. Men's Women's and Children's Boots and Shoes made to order.

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For Farm and Dairy Use. Indurated Fibreware. is always sweet and clean.

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Scraps for Odd Moments.

There are 19,942 teachers in the Dominion of Canada.

The musketeer is born of poor but industrious parents, and he is in his vein's sum of the best blood in the country.

"Shyboy, what made you change your boarding-house?" "Why, my landlady gave me a moustache cup with 'Love the giver' on it."

He—Can I bring you anything, Miss Clara? She—Oh, yes; bring me somebody nice to talk to.

How did you learn to skate? a little boy was asked. Oh, I was the innocent but significant answer, by getting up every time I fell down.

Minards Liniment Cures Dandruff. "When I was a child I swallowed three pins at once."

"Dear me!" exclaimed an interested listener, "didn't they kill you?"

The man who gets mad at what the newspapers say about him, should return thanks three times a day, for what the newspapers know about him, and don't say.

Minards Liniment for sale everywhere. Smith—I wish I had studied boxing when I was a boy. You see, I need it so much in my profession. Joe—(puffed)—What! As a lawyer? "No, As a father."

"Why, my dear, you haven't spent the whole afternoon at Mrs Scandal's?" "Yes; they said such things about every one who left that I didn't dare come away."

Minards Liniment Cures Burns, etc. Bridget—Wuz yeh sick whin yeh wore comin' over the Irish sea?

"Yes; I was," said Mrs Scandal. "I thought, if I hadn't put on a loffe-preserver, I believe I'd a dodd."

"Would you rather have a felt or a straw hat?" "I think I'll take a straw one; it'll maybe be a month 'fore the cow when I'm done w' it."

Minards Liniment relieves Neuralgia. Bigson—I once possessed a splendid dog, who could distinguish between a vagabond and a respectable person.

Jimson—Well, what became of him? "Oh! I was obliged to give him away. He bit me."

"What a wide-awake young fellow Bunter is," said Alice. "Altogether too wide-awake," responded Edith. "The last evening he crawled out our house he started till, and the dogs had to set the burglar alarm going."

Chumpley—That hypnotist is a fraud. He couldn't control my mind as all he said. "Pukely!" said Mrs Scandal. "I was excuse, Chumpley—Yes; he said there was no material to work on. You ought to have heard the audience give him the laugh."

Taken after dinner, Ayer's Pills promote easy digestion. Have you seen Ayer's Almanac?

A young lady explained to a printer, the difference in printing and publishing, and in conclusion said: "Now you may print a kiss on my cheek, but you must not publish it!" With that he looked at his firm in his arms so it would not print and went to press.

She—Mrs Brown's girl has left her. He—I'm sorry for Mrs Brown. "Why?" She was always complaining of the girl.

"Yes; I am afraid she will find it hard to get another one who will furnish as much cause for complaint.

Hall's Hair Renewer enjoys the confidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use it to restore and keep their hair a natural color.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures of Rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, eczema, dizziness, humors, and sores, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla admitted at the World's Fair.

Willis—I met our new member on my way to Sunday-school, mamma, and he asked me if I ever played marbles on Sunday.

Mother—H'm—and what did you say to that? "I said 'Get thee behind me Satan,' and walked right off and left him."

The Tariff Commission elicits some strange and curious facts but none more true than the good word spoken for by the Free-Traders and Protectionists for MINARDS LINIMENT.

They are our BEST ADVERTISEMENTS, and we esteem them of more value than all the fences and barns in the country covered with posters.

A hater of tobacco once asked an old negro, who was addicted to the pipe, if she thought she was a Christian.

"I expect I is, was her reply. Do you expect to go to heaven?" "Yes, indeedly. But the devil says nothing unclear shall enter there. Now the breath of a smoker is unclear. What do you say to that?"

Well, I reckon I leave m' brest' behin' when I enters dar.