

growing. Every right thinking man in Nova Scotia is with us. There is money in the business, and we have barely commenced to work in this line. We do business on too small a scale. We should put out our fruit trees by the thousand.

T. H. PARKER said with the knowledge he had gained by hard experience, he could do as much now in ten years as he had accomplished in the forty he had spent in fruit growing. In these days men can not afford to learn by experience, they must gain knowledge from the work and experience of others. An Experimental Farm is imperatively demanded to advance the interests of this Valley, and all should work towards this end.

LEANDER RAND was much in sympathy with this movement. He had received a great deal of information from this Association in its early days, from Dr. Hamilton and others, who took a deep interest in fruit growing. He had fifty acres in fruit, and the enemies of fruit growing were increasing at a rapid rate, and the country needed further information; would heartily support any thing that will further the end in view.

T. H. PARKER said we owed a deep debt of gratitude to those who preceded us, Dr. Hamilton, Richard Starr and others, and we could only repay this debt by extending our efforts along the same line.

A. WHITMAN was pleased to learn of the increase in membership, and prospect of success in the Horticultural School. He thought there was much for us to learn in shipping apples, as well as in growing. We had the reputation of shipping the best apples to the European market, and we should make every effort to maintain that reputation. More care should be exercised in packing and handling our fruit. Quality rather than quantity should be the aim of our growers.

J. E. ELLS' thought that an Experimental Farm would be a grand thing for Nova Scotia. He did not agree with the President that the markets would always take our fruit. He had noticed that when prices were good the fruit turned out good, but when prices ruled low, the returns said the apples were slack, spotted, wet, etc. In looking over statistics, he found Ontario grew $3\frac{1}{2}$ million barrels, and did not ship one-tenth of them across the ocean; their market was nearer home. In one county in New York, there were grown $1\frac{1}{2}$