

come to Canada and share in our advantages. Most of them have a few thousand dollars to invest, and generally give a preference to mixed farming and fruit growing. By last mail I have a letter from a gentleman in Brazil, who has a good capital, and will be in Toronto in July next, when I am to have ready for him a list of such farms as I suppose may suit his purpose for general farm crops, fruits and stock-raising.

Returning to the Colonial fruits. In future, should our Government desire to have Canadian fruits exhibited in British exhibitions—and I sincerely hope they will,—I would be in favor of exhibiting only fresh fruits in season. I found a very general feeling of unbelief as to the genuineness of our bottled specimens existed. I have often heard it remarked, that so far as the public was concerned, these specimen might as well be in wax, for very many believed them to be such, and many more doubted their genuineness. But when we placed the fresh specimens in plates upon the tables, all doubting was at an end. It paid Canada well to advertise in this way, and it would pay to keep up such an advertisement every season.

#### CANADIAN FRUITS AT THE COLONIAL.

SELECTED FROM THE REPORT OF THE FRUIT COMMITTEE  
OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
LORD RIVERS, CHAIRMAN.

The collection of hardy fruits exhibited by the Canadian Commission comprised an extensive collection of apples, pears, grapes, &c., from the provinces of Ontario, Columbia, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, &c.

Apples constituted the most prominent and important feature, and proved of much interest to the Committee, many of the samples shown being of large size, and extremely handsome in appearance,—the high coloration of many being especially remarkable and

noteworthy,—greatly excelling, in this respect, the same varieties grown in this country.

The collection of pears did not present such an attractive appearance. Some very fine samples were, however, shown of *Beurre Clairgeau*, *Beurre Hardy*, *Beurre D'Anjou*, *Duchess*, *Flemish Beauty*, *Louise*, *Onondaga*, &c.

Grapes made a conspicuous display; but of these, as dessert fruit, no opinion could be expressed—the peculiar foxy taste and gelatinous flesh belonging to the grapes of America, requiring some experience to discriminate. Some of Rogers' seedlings were remarked as both large and handsome.

#### FRUIT EXHIBITS AT THE COLINDERIES.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association was held at Wolfville, N. S., on the 19th and 20th of January. The principal feature of the morning session of the second day was the Secretary's Report on Fruit Exhibits at the Colonial Exhibition. Mr. Starr clearly pointed out how not only Nova Scotia but the whole of the provinces of the Dominion had been benefited by the grand display which had been made, how a greatly increased demand had been created for our fruits, and the way prepared by which new markets might be opened up for Canadian products in other European countries. Mr. Starr was followed by Professor Saunders, who explained the manner in which the multitude of varieties of fruits had been preserved for this exhibition, the many devices resorted to, and the great success which had attended the effort. By convincing evidence, he showed that the fruit display had done more towards removing the ill-founded prejudices existing in Europe against the climate of Canada than any measure ever before undertaken by this country, and expressed his strong convictions that