

The Secretary is S. C. Parker, Berwick, Nova Scotia.

At the Halifax Industrial Exhibition in October there was a fine exhibition of apples, plums, cherries, peaches, and grapes, from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the management of the Association.

THE SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

was established in 1894 by the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association assisted by a government grant. Horticulture, Botany and Microscopic Botany are taught by an able professor, F. C. Sears. The School consists of a class-room, with a good collection of English, Canadian and American books on Horticulture, Horticultural Journals, about 12 good microscopes and a collection of pressed wild plants. Beneath the class-room is a potting shed, or workshop, and adjoining a glass-house with economic and ornamental plants and flowers, in which grafting, budding and propagating are taught. There is also a root-cellar in which apple stocks for root-grafting during winter are kept. Surrounding the school are ornamental grounds with a nursery of young fruit and other trees and plants close by.

The horticultural course is at present confined mostly to the propagation of plants and to fruit-growing, dealing with wind-breaks, protection from frost, setting out and planting, tillage, manuring, cover crops, renovation of old orchards, grafting, budding, the life histories of fungi and insects, spraying, harvesting and packing of the fruit, cold storage, etc. The School of Horticulture is attached to the Wolfville University.

The classes are held during the winter months from November to the end of April. Having myself attended the course I cannot speak too highly of it.

The course is free and farmers are invited to come and look round at any time, attend any lecture, and bring any questions. Although there are such exceptional advantages, there are but few who attend regularly.

The following were the Text Books used at the School of Horticulture in Winter, 1897-8: (they are excellent books.)

"The Principles of Fruit-growing" by Prof. L. H. Bailey of Cornell University.