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Dr. Mitchell writes to us that the Members have taken more interest in the Minudie Agricultural Society, in Cumberland County, this year than for several preceding years. They have purchased two Short Horn Durham Bulls from Mr. Purcival, in the State of Maine.

We are indebted to Peter Jack, Esq., for a copy of "The Garden" of 9th November, a London publication edited by William Robinson, F. L. S., which contains the following notice of Nova Scotian fruits:—"The size and beauty of the varieties of apples sent from Nova Scotia to South Kensington the other day were very remarkable. We have seen some fine apples in the Eastern States, and on the Californian foot-hills, but had no idea that Nova Scotia could produce such noble fruit. The Ribston Pippins sent were much larger than they ever grow with us. The fruit suffered very much from bad packing, but withal its high quality was evident."

In the Report of the Royal Horticultural Society's Fruit Show, in the same periodical, we find the following notice:—"Of Emperor Alexander Apples there were many handsome specimens, large and well coloured. Of these, some of the finest came from Nova Scotia, but as they were a little bruized, they were disqualified." After giving the names of prize takers, it is said:—"The extent to which exhibitors supported this class (the most complete collection of dessert apples), may be learned from the fact that * * * * the Fruit Growers' Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia, sent forty dishes." Again, in another class, "from Nova Scotia came 38 dishes of large and handsome fruit."

The President of the Parrsborough Agricultural Society adopts an excellent plan for the purpose of conveying to the Members an intimate knowledge of the Society's proceedings. He prepares an elaborate Annual Report giving a full account of the year's work, sends it to the

Journal of Agriculture for publication and orders a sufficient number of extra copies of the number to supply all the members gratuitously who may not have other opportunities of seeing the Journal or reading the Report. In this way members who may be at a distance or have otherwise been prevented attending the Annual Meeting, have the Society's affairs brought fully before them, and every member is enabled to interest his neighbour by handing round the Report, and to aid in extending the Society's numbers. Mr. Dickson writes to us that "this practice is doing good by making the Society better known."

THE "Nova Scotian Fruit" is referred to in the most flattering terms in the official Report of the Royal Horticultural Society's Exhibition, and in an editorial article in the *Gardeners' Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette*, which is the leading organ of scientific cultivators throughout the world. The Report reads thus:—

"Of apples and pears over 1800 dishes were staged. * * It must not be in-