

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the members of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Permit me to so far digress from the object of this meeting as to congratulate the people of this province, as well as our own members, on having experienced the most prosperous year in the history of Nova Scotia in the development and profitable production of our varied resources, especially our mine, forest, fisheries, agriculture and horticulture, and to-day every man in this fair province can find profitable employment for his hands, his hands and his money. The past two years have been most profitable to the Nova Scotia fruit grower from the fact that we have had fair crops of superior apples and obtained the highest prices in the history of the trade, owing to a scarcity in the world's apple crop. This year our apple crop will exceed 400,000 barrels, and as most of these have been sold at from \$2 to \$3 per barrel, the net proceeds may be fairly estimated at over One Million Dollars. Some estimates may be formed of the immense profit of this business this year from the fact that several growers have accepted or refused from \$8000 to \$5000 for this year's crop of apples, and many orchards have paid this year 25 per cent. on a valuation of \$1000 per acre. This is owing to the fact that Nova Scotia was the only apple producing country that had 90 per cent. of an average crop. The others ranging from 70 p. c. to 20 p. c. and all together averaging less than 50 p. c. The United States, which requires forty million barrels for home consumption, returns this year's crop at thirty-four million barrels; and several apple producing countries in Europe, notably Germany, are large importers this year. "Let us forget," now is the time for us to economize and provide against a light crop and low prices—which are sure to come.

Our plum crop has this year yielded about 80,000 baskets (10 lbs) with average sales of 30 cents per basket. Our cranberry crop reached over 1000 barrels. Pears and small fruits were a fair crop, and sold at remunerative prices. Strawberries about 300,000 baskets. Our fruit trees have this year been unusually free from insect pests and fungus diseases, and the dreaded San Jose Scale is so far not known to exist in Nova Scotia. The only drawback to this year's fruit harvest was the unusually warm weather during Oct. and Nov., which prematurely ripened our early winter varieties and caused some of them to open black and soft in foreign markets. I think that under our high cultivation, especially if autumn is warm our early winter fruit, notably Bluebells, Kings and Ribbons are maturing earlier each year.

A Standard Apple Barrel. The Canadian government has passed the following Act giving Canada a uniform apple barrel, and it is to be regretted that it is not of the same dimensions as the standard barrel adopted by the United States, and that it does not apply to potatoes and other vegetables shipped in barrels. Our worthy vice president has this business in hand, and will, I hope, succeed in having this Act amended this year. Nov. 18. Section of Act after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred, section 18 of the Weights and Measures Act shall be repealed and the following shall be substituted therefor:—

"18. All apples packed in Canada for sale by the barrel shall be packed either in cylindrical veneer barrels having an inside diameter of eighteen inches and one-third, and twenty-seven inches from head to head inside measure, or in good strong barrels of wood, twenty-seven inches between the heads, inside measure, and having a head diameter of seventeen inches and a middle diameter of nineteen inches, and such last named barrels shall be sufficiently hooped, with a lining loop between the chimes, the whole well secured with nails.

"2. Every person who offers or exposes for sale, or who packs for exportation, apples by the barrel, otherwise than in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section, shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five cents for each barrel of apples so offered or exposed for sale or packed."

Inspection Law for Apples. The careless and fraudulent packing of apples in Canada has become such a menace to this important trade that some inspection law seems imperative, and the Hon. Minister of Agriculture requests us to outline some form of act which will not entail any individual loss or grievance to the honest packer, and you will find this a difficult task. I have had frequent communication with the Ontario F. G. A., and on this question, and the following resolution, which you will please consider carefully and adopt unless some act more desirable can be formulated:

Resolved, that both the Dominion and the Provincial Legislatures be asked to consider the advisability of legislation to carry out the following regulations for the sale of apples and pears:—

- 1. That all apples and pears packed for sale in closed packages shall have the minimum diameter of the fruit inside marked in plain figures on the top or face end of the package, thus, 2 inches, 2 1/2 inches, 3 inches, etc., as the case may be.
2. That all such packages shall also be stamped with certain grade marks which shall be defined as follows:—
(a) X A No. 1. Sound apples or pears of uniformly large size and high color for the variety named, of normal form, at least 90 per cent. free from worm holes, scabs or other defects.
(b) No. 1. Sound apples or pears of nearly uniform size and good color for the variety named, of normal form, at least 90 per cent. free from worm holes, scabs or other defects.
(c) No. 2. Sound apples or pears of fairly uniform size, at least 80 per cent. free from worm holes, scabs or other defects.
(d) No. 2. Apples or pears that are disqualified from being classed under any of the above mentioned grades, but which are useful for culinary purposes, and not less than two inches in diameter.
3. That all apples and pears packed in closed packages be subject to inspection by the government inspector.
4. That provision be made for inspection not only at the ocean ports of export, but also, at the request of the shippers, at local points of shipment in the case of car lots.
5. That for local inspection a reasonable scale of charges be made of the shipper requesting such inspection, gauged according to the number of carloads to be inspected.
6. That in such latter case, the inspector shall apply some distinctive inspection brand to show that the packages have been inspected and found to be honestly packed.
7. That the name of both packer and shipper be required to be placed on each package.

School of Horticulture. As a detailed report of this school will be made by the chairman, I need only refer to it as being very successfully conducted by Professor Sears with about 65 students in attendance, representing ten counties in the Province, and six students from New Brunswick, and its influence in promoting the successful production of the valuable industry of fruit culture being realized all over the Province, and in no other department of educational work is \$2000 as profitably and practically expended as in this school and the lecture course of Prof. Sears throughout the Province, and we hope the Nova Scotia government will see the importance of employing Prof. Sears, and that he will be employed during the summer months. A few hours teaching the practical points of fruit growing in our public schools by such a competent professor would be of great value to the Province.

Exhibits. There were 333 exhibits of fruit from ten counties, drawing \$588 in prizes at Provincial Exhibition, in 1899. The apple exhibit was excellent in quality. We were fortunate in securing the services of the Hon. Justice C. Craig, now of Iowa State College, as judge and lecturer, and a detailed report of his visit to our annual report. The early date at which this exhibit will be held this year prevents us from making any creditable show of apples, but pears, plums and small fruits may make up the deficiency. A proof of the indifference to fruit culture in eight counties is shown from the fact that separate county prizes of \$20 and \$10 have been offered three years on terms so easy that any intelligent boy could, without expense, make the exhibit and claim the prize, yet no exhibit has been made from these eight counties. The Hon. Minister of Agriculture has made arrangements for a large exhibit of fruit from Canada at the fair to be held at the Agricultural College, and employed Mr. O. Patrin to procure a full line of bearing fruit trees, which has been supplemented by 80 boxes of apples and pears for exhibit, and 50 boxes of apples to be distributed by Prof. Robinson, as Nova Scotia's share, and if carried successfully will be a great credit to Canada.

Transportation of Fruit. The complaint of excessive freight rates charged by subsidized lines to London has engaged our attention for the past ten years and seems no nearer a favorable solution than at first. Your worthy Vice President was appointed a delegate to the Maritime Board of Trade at St. John and ably presented the grievance of fruit shippers, with such results as he will fully explain. It now seems the fixed policy of governments not to dictate any freight rates to their subsidized lines, and fruit growers have only one alternative—to employ other lines for fruit transport. After a careful consideration of this subject I am fully of the opinion that as this trade develops the only profitable means of transport will be by small fruit steamers from the Bay of Fundy ports, much the same as shippers are exported from the Mediterranean and basins from the West Indies—and with loading ports at Annapolis, Kingport, H. row and Hantsport and a pier now being provided at mouth of Cornwallis river, fruit growers can find foreign markets without the aid of any subsidized monopolist lines, at about half the freight now paid. Within the next five or ten years we must provide for an export of over one million bbls. annually, and the steamship company which secures this business from Bay of Fundy ports, at half the present cost, will have one of the most profitable export trades from this continent. It is now certain that steamers can be loaded one week in Minas Basin from wagons direct from the orchards, and it only requires the united effort of fruit growers to secure this at once.

These and many other subjects which come before you will, I hope, receive your careful consideration and prompt attention. I take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of this Association for their cordial co-operation and support in conducting its business during the eight years you have honored me with the presidency.

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Horses in War Times.

An English officer was crossing a battlefield two days after a battle when a horse came up and laid its head on his arm. The officer pushed the horse away, but he returned and repeated the caress. Then the officer noticed a blood stain upon his arm, and looking more closely saw that the horse's under jaw had been shot away. Probably the horse, taught in drill for years to feel safe amid clanging steel and blinding powder, was confident that the officer could cure its hurt; instead, he of course allied to one of his men to shoot the poor beast. In the recent frontier war a British India rifle officer was hit and fell from his horse. The horse, finding presently that his rider was gone, left his companions and returned, in the face of the firing to his master's side. The officer was able to remount successfully in escaping. It is significant of the growth of humane sentiment in modern times that a special horse ambulance service for war is seriously proposed in England. It is quite possible that the next war in which England is engaged will see in the battle field Red Cross men charged with the duty of putting wounded horses out of their misery.

The Writers.

Winston Churchill, author of "Richard Corneil," has drawn \$25,000 in royalties for three months' sale of his book. William Dean Howells does not believe that he was born with literary talent. "I came," he says, "with a reading rate, which has always loved literature in a way. My inclination was to read rather than to write." Thomas Dunn English recently celebrated his eightieth birthday at his home in New Jersey. He is the only living graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Still, his fame continues to rest on the shoulders of his immortal "Ben Bolt."

Mrs A. D. T. Whitney was 75 years old Sept. 15, and on the next day her story, "Square Pegs," was given to the public. It is an interesting fact that her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Leslie Field, on the same day saw published her story, entitled "Nannie's Happy Childhood."

Soon after the Central bank was opened for business one morning a prominent manufacturer walked down the steps and saw Exchange street, bearing a small watch containing the money with which he was to pay off a large force of employees. As he turned into Exchange street a warm, personal friend, unseen by him, rushed up from behind and pulled vigorously at the handle of the watch.

With lightning-like rapidity the manufacturer's arm was raised and descended full in the face of the practical joker, sending him reeling toward the curb. The next instant the manufacturer recognized his friend, and, hurrying over to him, staided him until he had recovered consciousness, and then said: "I understand the situation better than I can explain it."

"I do, te," remarked the other, as they shook hands and proceeded on their way.

What Literature Owes to Scotland. Literature and journalism owe more than they can ever repay to Scotland. She has been the home of many noble sons and daughters, and the world-to-day is richer for their increasing and ever-inspiring words of counsel and truth. It would be easy to mention names by the dozen. J. M. Barrie and S. R. Crockett are, of course, in the front rank of living novelists. Dr. Alexander White, senior minister of St. George's Free Church, Edinburgh, is a proclaimer of the highest order—one of the finest in the world; and his brilliant junior colleague—the Rev. Hugh Black, M.A.—with his unique qualifications, is bringing to Christianity at large a living and a vital force.

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Begin the year with God! Begin with prayer. To Him whose love will keep thee through the days. What'er those days may be, Or dark or bright, Walking with Him, thy path Leads to the Light.

Begin the year with God! No fit-nd like Him! And should the unknown year, The valley dim, Open before thy gaze, Surely the darkest way Shall end in light.

Union Signal.

A National Disgrace.

President Schurman, of Cornell University, Chairman of the United States Commission to the Philippines, in an article on "Our Duty to the Philippines," refers to a past which will bring a blush of shame to the cheek. He writes, "I regret that the Americans allowed the saloon to get a foothold on the islands. That has hurt the Americans more than anything else, and the spectacle of Americans drunk awakes disgust in the Filipinos. I have never seen a Filipino drunkard." It is sad that a war waged ostensibly in the interests of a higher civilization and form of government should bring as its first contribution the blight and curse of the saloon. Meanwhile the President of the United States, as appears below, has the anti-temperance law under "consideration"—meanwhile the sale of liquor in the military encampments goes on. Military officers of highest rank, including General Miles, Shafter, Wheeler, Corbin, Sternberg, Howard and a host of others, condemn liquor selling in cantons. On February 3rd, 1899, John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, issued a general order forbidding the sale of malt or other alcoholic liquors on board ships of the navy, or within the limits of navy yards, army stations or marine barracks, except in the medical department. The great British Generals, Wolsey, Roberts and Kitchener, are on record against the use of liquor in the army. In Kitchener's recent Sudan Campaign orders were issued that no alcoholic stimulants should be allowed in camp, save for hospital use. The anti-temperance law was framed to secure the same end. But Attorney General Griggs spoke and delivered his weighty legal opinion that "No" really meant "yes." The president has the matter under "consideration." He is cautious and conservative. He may find that he has been over-cautious. Rightly or wrongly, people will accuse him of trucking to the powerful liquor interests. He will hear some plain spoken protests unless he speaks soon.—The Baptist Union, Chicago.

To sanction by law the recruiting and equipping of such an enemy (the liquor traffic) and the sending out of him to desolate the fairest portion of God's heritage, is an outrage upon all principle, not only of patriotism, but of humanity, which bids defiance to parallel in the history of legislation. It is an outrage too gross for sober consideration. It would seem to be hardly possible in view of its fruits, that it should be tolerated in any civilized state. Even paganism under the first rays of civilization, had almost instinctively denounced it. And were it not for the pestilential moral atmosphere which it produces, and the deteriorating and stupefying effects which that atmosphere occasions, its continuance would seem to be hardly possible, or its removal need anything more than its own doing.—Justin Edwards, D. D., in Family Herald.

Secular Newspapers.

The growth in foreign missions and the awakened interest of the Christian public in their behalf is nowhere more evident than in the notices they receive from the secular press. The religious news columns of many of the large daily papers contain frequent references to Christian work abroad, and in a recent issue of the Chicago Times Herald we noted twelve references to different forms of Christian activity in foreign lands.

And it is not alone with respect to foreign missionary work that the daily press deserves credit for their reports. There has never been a time when Christian work received greater prominence in the news of the day than at the present time. During the August conference at Newfield this season the New York Tribune was represented throughout the entire session, and devoted two or three columns daily to reports of the leading addresses. The Chicago Times Herald, the New York Times, and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat devote special attention to religious news every Monday morning, often quoting largely from the leading columns of the previous Sunday's service.—Board of Christian Work.

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"Why, I sent 'em six collars and all I got back was the buttonholes."

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"Pa, pa!" little Johnny began.

"Now what do you want?" asked suffering father with the emphasis on the "a."

"My hair fall off when it's ripe, like yours?"

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"Our dress up. Let me assist you by carrying your bandbox."

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"Yes; she stood up for you at dinner."

"Stood up for me! Was anybody saying anything against me?"

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