

occasion of your last annual session I gained very valuable information, and I have reason to know that I was the one most benefitted from the discussions had at that time. I can reiterate every word that Prof. Saunders has spoken. This Association is well known all over the world as an active body; and its works are appreciated even in conservative England. I have referred to the English people because they have the money, and there is no limit to the wealth that may accrue to this province from the operation of such a society as this. I thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

PROFESSOR MACOUN.—I thank you, for the reason that I like to be associated, even in the honorary sense, with live men. In England I found that your Vice-President and Secretary were alive to the interests of Canada, as well as the interests of Nova Scotia. I claim to be a live man myself.—(hear! hear!) I feel pleased to be associated with practical men, and am not in favor of fogies.—(laughter.) I tell you that it is the live element which must come to the front, and push the fogies aside. Fruit is a grand factor in your province. I speak as an Ontario man, but were I a Nova Scotian, I would say that you can out do Ontario, in the business of fruit culture. In ten days from the date of shipment from your own homes, you can get a remittance from England by telegraph. Be careful in packing, and do not put the fine fruit on top, and the poor in the middle, as some Ontario shippers have done; be honest from top to bottom. Again I thank you, and if at any time I can be of any service to you, I shall be happy to respond to your demand.

PROFESSOR SMITH.—At your last annual meeting I told you that I was not a fruit grower, and that not from choice but from circumstances. In Truro we manage to put a few flower pots in the window for the smaller plants, but there is no land for growing fruits. As soon as the experimental farm is provided, I will do all in my power to assist in advancing this great and increasing industry. My attention was directed to this Association when I first came to Nova Scotia, but I scarcely expected at that time I would be among you, and meet with such a pleasant reception. I thank you for the honor conferred on me.

The SECRETARY referred to the absence of Prof. Penhallow and Mr. Gibb, who were detained at a meeting similar to this in Quebec. Prof. Penhallow had sent his paper to this Association, and it would be produced at a later stage of the proceedings.

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