

others for a reliable crop. The next would be *Triumphe de Gand*, closely followed by *Jucunda*. Some new kinds are promising well, such as *President Wilder*, *Col. Cheney*, and *Kentucky*.

Having thus briefly alluded to some of the more important points connected with the history and cultivation of the fruits most generally grown in Nova Scotia, I may be permitted to say further, that within the last fifteen years fruit culture has advanced very rapidly with us, and now occupies a prominent position, mainly through the instrumentality of the Fruit Growers' Association.

While the Association is provincial, its operations are confined chiefly to the counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Hants, the three largest fruit-growing districts. The Legislature grants it yearly a small sum, which, together with the contributions of its members and other sources of income, creates a fund by which the Association is enabled to hold an annual exhibition of fruits and vegetables, at which quite a large amount is paid in premiums, besides providing for necessary incidental expenses.

The Association, by its exhibitions and the dissemination of information in various ways, has done much to bring the cultivation of the apple and other fruits into general favor, which are coming to be universally regarded as a necessity for domestic and other purposes.

I cannot close without again alluding to the fact, that in Nova Scotia the apple does not attain its greatest perfection unless left on the tree until sometimes as late as the 15th or 20th of October, and this has prevented our Province from being represented at this and similar exhibitions held at this early season. Therefore, to see our apples and other fruits in perfection, I would invite persons to visit Nova Scotia in the early part of October, and see our orchards burdened with the choicest fruit, or to attend one of our exhibitions. We hold one this autumn at the old town of Annapolis Royal, commencing on the 13th of October. Annapolis is only half a day's travel by steamer from St. John, N.B. Good judges from England, as well as from the United States, who have attended our exhibitions, have spoken in the highest terms of our apples, as to form, size, color and other qualities.

Nova Scotia apples have, on several occasions, been exhibited in London, G. B., at the shows of the Royal Horticultural Society; and I have the honor, as President of the Fruit Growers' Association, of