

*Insects.*—The "borer" in this locality is a great pest, destroying many young trees, and frequently even full-grown and valuable ones.

*KINGS.*—Soil not drained; lack of knowledge in pruning, and want of proper cultivation of the land. A few trees are lost by climatic influence.

*Insects.*—The "tent caterpillar," and "canker-worm." Have not heard of the "borer" being destructive here. Apple trees will do well on almost any soil in this county, except on the mountains. The loss of about fifteen per cent. of trees planted, is the carelessly allowing of cattle and sheep to destroy them.

*LUNENBURG.*—Of late years the high winds; want of care and skill—but of the latter there is prospect of change for the better.

*QUEENS.*—Climate and soil are as favorable to the growth of apples, as in any portion of the Province, excepting the Annapolis Valley. To want of care and skill is attributed any failure in successfully raising the crop.

*SHELburne.*—Careless importation of trees, they being much injured by rough handling; want of skill in transplanting; usually a small hole is dug, in which the tree is set regardless of the position of the roots. Then it is heavily manured, and left to sicken, and prematurely die.

*YARMOUTH.*—*Climatic.*—Absence of sunshine, and a low temperature in summer, owing to frequent fogs and cold ocean winds; although irremediable, are the chief difficulties to fruit-growing in this county. It possesses variety of soil and situation, and some careful growers; yet lack of heat deteriorates the quality of the fruit, in comparison with some more favored parts of the continent.

Before proceeding to the smaller fruits, reference is here made to the returns of 1882.

*Question 1st—What interest is taken in fruit culture in your section?*

*COLCHESTER.*—Very little until quite recently, and not much at present. B. F. Congdon purposes establishing three nurseries in different localities, in addition to the one he has.

*LUNENBURG.*—A greatly improved interest—many additional orchards are being established.