



**Ralph S. Eaton, Kentville, N. S.**

The new president of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, Mr. Ralph S. Eaton owns probably the largest orchard in Canada. It contains 25,000 trees, including 15,000 apple, 6,000 plum, 2,000 cherry, 1,000 peach, 500 pear, and 500 apricot and quince. A view of a section of this orchard appears on the front cover of this issue. A description of Mr. Eaton's orchard and methods will be published in an early issue of *The Horticulturist*.

Messrs. Hichcock, Carter, Peck and Prof. Macoun also exhibited plates of fine apples, principally of the varieties mentioned above, with the addition of Milwaukee, La Victoire and Canada Baldwin, all of them being varieties of promise.

The directors, reporting for their several divisions, stated little or no planting was done during the past year. The only insect of note was the railroad worm, which caused some damage in Mr. Shepherd's orchard, and others adjoining, near Como, Que. The spot injured some Fameuse, but the damage was not serious. No spraying was done in the majority of orchards, but those that did spray were satisfied with the results.

Prof. W. M. Munson, of the University, Orono, Maine, lent his valuable aid by giving an address, Horticultural Education. The value of practical education in connec-

tion with science was pointed out, and that nature study is one of the most important links in agricultural training. In the past there has been too much luck and not enough intellect in farming. Nature will do a certain amount by herself, but it rests with man to enhance the production. Colleges are maintained to help get the boys and girls of our country out of ruts.

The afternoon session of the last day was given over to Messrs. J. F. Scriver, Fruit Inspector; F. L. Kenny, of South Hero, Vt., and Harold Jones, of Maitland, Ont. Mr. Kenny held his audience with an able address on fruit growing compared with other farm pursuits. This led to an informal and interesting discussion.

Thursday evening brought out a paper by Mr. W. H. Dempsey, of Trenton, Ont., which dealt with the question of fruit growing for profit. This address was listened to with the closest interest and attention, as those present knew they were listening to one of the largest and most successful apple growers in the province of Ontario and that every word he uttered was worth listening to. A copy of this address will appear in a later issue of *The Horticulturist*.

The meeting closed with an address by Mr. J. C. Chapais, St. Denis, Que., who told the fruit growers in Quebec what he saw and heard at the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show in Toronto, Ont., in November, and his able account convinced those present that he was endowed with a wonderful pair of eyes and ears combined with a conceptive and ready mind.

IN TRAVELLING over this section of the province one is astonished that there are so few orchards when there are so many suitable locations available for planting. Many eastern farmers are, thereby, denied this health-giving fruit or obtain it at a cost much greater than the cost of production. —G. H. Hutton, Grenville county.