

upon the farm. We must provide for the better education of the girls. There are many emigrants coming to this country, but whether bad or good they will not much affect its future. Let us get the idea that upon us, native born, depends the future of our land.

UNITED STATES CONSUL YOUNG next made a few remarks. He did not believe that Nova Scotia lacked loyalty. He must refer to his hobby. The two nations of America were really but one. We hardly know when we cross the line. He hoped that in future the line of custom houses would be removed and the two English peoples become one. In the United States Acadia college has a high standing. Some Americans had the idea that Nova Scotia produced only servant girls. Do not ask what is the legislature going to do for you this year. What are you going to do for yourselves?

THE PRESIDENT said we are loyal to our province, and are learning loyalty to the Dominion. We are finding out that we own half the continent and have better government than our neighbors. We do not wish to leave the old flag, even for the stars and stripes. We believe we have in Canada what will ever keep her from being either absorbed or annexed to the United States. We look for a greater federation of all the English colonies.

BENJAMIN STARRATT, of Paradise, was next called upon. He did not know why he should be called upon to speak, unless the new Paradise, with its apples, had become associated in the President's mind with the old Paradise with its fruit. He then referred in a humorous way to the evils arising from apple raising in the old Paradise. He liked Mr. Parker's paper. It hit doctors of divinity and medicine and lawyers. He did not care if it did. In his recent trip to England Mr. Starratt had noticed a growing interest and confidence in the future of Canada. He had been told by Englishmen that they liked Americans, but Canadians better. He did not believe there was as much dishonest packing as had been represented. London dealers said their best packed apples came from Ontario, the next best from Nova Scotia, and the poorest from the United States. Nova Scotia apples are packed badly rather than dishonestly. Messrs. Parker, Bigelow, Bishop, R. W. Starr, Dodd and C. R. H. Starr gave short speeches. The familiar "Auld Lang Syne" closed this pleasant dinner and Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia.