

duty of this Association to remedy, or vigorously protest against; notably, the exorbitant freight rates for fruit, both by rail and steamer, and the inefficient and altogether unsatisfactory service and means of transport by both rail and steamer, as compared with other lines; the want of united action and Government aid in destroying insect pests and fungi injurious to fruit, and many other important subjects which will, I hope, receive your serious consideration during this session.

My report would be incomplete if I did not bear testimony to the fact that our work has succeeded so far owing to the ability, energy and cordial co-operation of our officers and members during the four years you have honored me with the office of President, and I shall now be pleased to welcome the man of your choice to succeed me in that honorable and important office.

POSSIBILITIES OF PEACH CULTURE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

PAPER READ BY C. A. PATRIQUIN, WOLFVILLE, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. S. F. G. A.

It is all very well to talk about having our hills, plains, and vales covered with trees yielding rich and luscious Peaches, but the general opinion is that it cannot be done. They say that we here in N. S. will have to content ourselves with the fruits we now raise, and leave the cultivation of the peach to those climes which do not have severe winters, late spring frosts and short summers.

But before we say this cannot be done we should make careful consideration, investigation and trial.

To do anything successfully we first have to learn how to do it. To grow apples, plums, pears, strawberries profitably we have to be thoroughly acquainted with the business. So with the cultivation of the peach. We must learn how