

their fruit growers. It was a most valuable thing to learn to pack and ship. He said they shipped large quantities of strawberries to the United States market, but very few people took pains in packing and picking.

J. J. Salter said that he had never seen any fruit better in flavor or quality than that grown in the West River Valley, Pictou County. They made their first shipment of fruit in the autumn of 1897. This fall he had made a trip through the county, and he thought they were taking a great interest in the business. The soil appears to be good and produces fruit apparently without any cultivation. They have not carried on the business of orcharding for commercial purposes heretofore, but apples have simply been grown as a side line to general farming. But now they are taking hold of it with great skill, and in ten years time, Pictou County will be known as an apple section. He had recently seen by the papers that a shipment of fruit would be made on the 23rd of February. The fruit they now ship commands the highest prices in the English markets.

Some Recent Developments in Spraying.

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Among most of the better class of fruit growers spraying has already become almost as much a part of the season's work as is pruning or cultivation, as it often seems that if all would put in practice what we already know there would be little to be desired in this respect. And yet, every year witnesses some discovery of importance in our warfare against the insect or the fungous pest. Some of these discoveries relate to recent arrivals in the insect or fungous world (or in our part of it at least) like our friend the San Jose scale, but more of them relate to some old acquaintance whose likes and dislikes, habits and weaknesses we thought we already understood. It is my purpose this evening to call attention to a few of the latest discoveries or improvements which have come to light relative to the preparation or application of fungicides and insecticides.