

tions which turned him out, and proud of Canada, which, although embarking late in those pursuits, had already attained a position so high and honorable among agricultural communities. I only regretted that in some of her provinces, in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island especially, the same advantages which Ontario afforded were not within every young man's reach, the same emulation was not aroused, the same patriotic sense of duty to the agricultural interests, on the part of the local administrations was not manifest. However, we must live in hopes. Our day will come."

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#### A Fruit Growing Region.

"The town of Cobourg, too, is in the midst of one of the best apple districts of Ontario; and, in springtime, the air must be redolent with the sweet scent of the blossoms. It is not wonderful, then, that everybody in Cobourg is interested in trees and flowers and fruit and all the concerns they give rise to. On this account the night sessions, known as 'Popular Meetings,' were universally attended, the last being so packed that standing room was at a premium and many were turned away at the doors. Such interest is certainly very encouraging, augurs well for the work and affords a means of conveying information and stimulus where otherwise they could not be made to reach.

#### The Town Turned Out to Welcome Us.

Then all the local celebrities were out in force the mayor, the sheriff, the district president, colonels as thick as if one were in Kentucky, senators, M.P.'s, M.P.P.'s, all anxious to lend their presence, their voices,

their assistance to the popular cause. And such galaxies of ladies! Who shall enumerate them? Let it be said, also, that the hospitality of Cobourgers is the heartiest and most princely to be anywhere enjoyed.

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Father Burke then goes at length into the "burning question of cold storage," as he terms it but of this the facts are now known sufficiently and while he speaks of the case made by Professor Robertson, "that matter of systematic exportation," he declares that "the the debate on cold storage was not satisfactory and left the impression that there was still much to be done before we reach the ideal."

Speaking of packing, Father Burke gives out his only unfavorable impression of us:

"If half of what was said of the latter were true, one ought to button up his pockets carefully when in Ontario. There was an awfully bad word for the fruit packed. Professor Robertson dealt with this matter without gloves, as it affected transportation and the old country markets—honesty is vital to those matters— and with the cold facts in hand, made a most unenviable case against the Ontario packer. Of course there was a deal of shifting of responsibility between the local and general buyer; but even with all this a feeling of shame pervaded the gathering."

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#### The Law Will Take its Course.

"The convention declared for an honest, impartial, intelligent enforcement of the Marks' Act as it stood on the statute." Father Burke declares in conclusion; and with the comment, "This was satisfactory," promises further articles on the meeting.