

sources that will swell our already rapidly increasing supply to very much larger dimensions. Other places in the province will also most assuredly become successful fruit growing centres, for there is no legitimate reason why the valleys of the Shubenacadie, the Stewiacke and the Upper Musquodoboit should not be famed for certain varieties of apples suitable to the soil, as Annapolis and Granville are for the Nonpareil, Aylesford for the Bishop Pippin, and Cornwallis for the Gravenstein. All that is required is the proper amount of knowledge, care, and attention, on the part of the farmers. Nature has done much for the localities named. If man would do his share, he would find certain return in hard dollars, as well as the gratification of a pleasant occupation, and a heritage for his children. But the time is not very far distant when

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out and brought into a proper state of cultivation preparatory to planting some of the best sorts of commercial apples suitable for the English market. I make this statement with a full assurance that it will be eventually fulfilled, and the reasons are these: 1st. Nova Scotia is the nearest point of land to England on this continent, thus making a short sea voyage that with a very short land carriage should give us a great advantage in freights and in time, which is an advantage in handling fruit. 2nd. The well known fact that Nova Scotia apples as a rule have better keeping qualities than the same apples grown anywhere else on this continent, so that if properly handled, the risk of loss by decay and overripeness is reduced to the minimum. This, with the fact that some of our longest keeping sorts, as Nonpareil, Ben Davis, and some other Russet varieties, can be shipped with safety in April or May, after all competition from other sources is over. There is another fact that can be advanced in favour of fruit growing in Nova Scotia, and that is that the crop is comparatively a sure one, and there is seldom a failure that is due to climatic or other influences for which there is no remedy. Taking these things into consideration, we may claim that the Nova Scotia fruit-grower can pack for market and ship f. o. b. at Halifax with a better margin than the grower in Michigan or Western New York can at New York, or the Ontario grower at Montreal, so that in the event of an excessive crop in