Maritime Fruit Possibilities

At the recent Dominion Fruit Conference at Ottawa, the report of Mr. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines, who last fall conducted a careful investigation of the fruitgrowing possibilities of the various fruit-growing provinces of Canada, was awaited with keen interest. Mr. Bunting's report, when it was presented, was found to contain just such information as some of the people had been asking for. Space does not permit of our publishing it in full. That part of the report dealing with the fruit possi-bilities of the maritime provinces is here given:

I looked forward with a great deal of interest to a visit to New Brunswick, as I had heard so much of the St. John Valley and the opportunities for fruit-growing which were just beginning to be realized by the residents of this beautiful district.

included in district five.

Fruit has been grown for a good many years in considerable quantities in the counties included along the valley of the St. John River and in portions of Charlotte, Albert and Westmoreland. Many fine or-chards attest the capabilities of this pro-vince to produce fruit of splendid color and quality. The late Francis P. Sharp was probably one of the first to undertake the growing of fruit in anything like a commercial way in this province. He was an enthusiastic, enterprising investigator, and with wonderful optimism undertook, many years ago, to secure, develop and plant fruit on a large scale in Carleton county. The result of his work is still to be seen in the vicinity of Woodstock. It is only within recent years, however, that definite data have been secured and made available to the general public, as to the varieties of fruit which may be planted commercially with every confidence and hope of profit. provincial government, through the secretary of agriculture, Mr. W. W. Hubbard, and the provincial horticulturist, Mr. A. G. Turney, both of them active and enthusiastic men, has put new life into the New Brunswick fruit industry, and this province is now taking active steps to fill its proper place as an important fruitproducing section.

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