

and many parts of the States. The growing demand and popularity of Canadian apples in the English market, with present facilities for export, is sufficient in itself to induce increased efforts in this line. Let us hope that this question will receive due consideration, and that we shall reap in the near future an ample harvest from our combined efforts.

Another point of practicable benefit to our fruit growers is the need of a winter meeting or convention, held at some railway centre, such as West Farnham, at which members from the Societies of Montreal, Missisquoi, Brome, Shefford and Abbotsford, could attend at a small expense, and discuss the different questions of interest, relating to Horticulture and Forestry. Such meetings, if properly organized, cannot fail to produce beneficial results. "Union is strength" is an old proverb. Why not apply it in the present instance?

The visit of our esteemed Secretary, Mr. Charles Gibb, to Russia, in quest of hardy varieties of fruit suited to our climate and fill the blanks of our present fruit lists, is an event important in the Society's history, and to the country at large. Judging from Mr. Gibb's report, and from the Russian apples already under cultivation here, such as Duchess, Red Astrachan, Tetofsky, Alexander and others, there is no doubt many other varieties of the apple, pear, and other fruits would prove of great value to us, as they are natives of a climate much colder than our own.

The question is, how far, and in what manner, is the Province to profit by the introduction and dissemination of these, to us, new Russian fruits?

Are we to expect aid from the Government? Or is some enterprising nurseryman to order, propagate, and monopolize the business? Or shall we combine, each Society furnishing its proportion to cover the expense of importing, in such a manner, such varieties as Mr. Gibb may recommend?

This is an instance in which an experimental station in the Province would be of value. But as we have no such institution, one is to suppose we are to "paddle our own canoe," and each to get as soon as he can, the best way he can, and *all* he can, of these new Russian fruits.