

it" will cause His smile to rest upon us, still filling our barns with plenty and causing our presses to run over.

We are pleased to know that our Federal Government has located the Experimental Farm for the Maritime Provinces within the bounds of our own Province, and though not situated where the greatest benefit to us as fruit growers may be looked for, still there are problems with reference to fruit growing under difficulties to be solved, and we may rest assured that under the able management of Professor Saunders and his capable assistants all that can be done to solve these problems will be performed in good time.

We are pleased to note that our own Local Government will establish a Model Farm in the near future, and we may hope in common with other producers of the riches provided by the teeming earth, we fruit growers will reap large advantage from the lessons there imparted.

Upon the whole the outlook for the industry we represent may be considered a brightening one, and if he who makes two blades of grass grow where one was produced may be considered a public benefactor, we who are aiming to broaden the area and increase the production of rich fruits in our province may hope that some praise as well as profit may accrue to us.

After a vote of thanks had been tendered the PRESIDENT for his address, the following was read :

REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE.

Mr. President and Members of the Fruit Growers' Association of N. S.:

Your committee on fruit beg leave to report as follows :

APPLES.

The crop has been an unusually small one, very little, if any, over one-third of that of 1886. This may be attributed to various causes, but probably was largely owing to the very heavy crop the previous season. In some localities, particularly in the eastern part of Kings county, orchards were injured by the canker worm. The failure in the crops was principally in the old orchards, many of the young plantations turning out fine crops.

Contrary to the general rule when crops are small, the fruit has been of excellent quality. The weather during the summer tended