

to the whole Dominion. Fruit growing is one of the largest industries now in Canada, and we have arrived at a period when we are able to supply not only the local demands, but the supply of fruit is such that we have been forced to look for outside markets. This shows that fruit growing is prosperous, and I am satisfied we will be able to find a market for all our surplus fruit. I am proud to say that fruit growers as a body are one of the most intelligent, progressive and industrious class of people in this commercial Dominion of Canada; and we are going to show the people of the Dominion that although it looked as if we might have a surplus in fruit growing, still we shall be able to find markets for all the fruit that we are able to grow. I think Canada is particularly well situated for the growing of fruit. It is natural to the climate, which enables us to raise the very best specimens of fruit. We have also to thank both the Dominion and Local Governments for the interest they have taken in this important industry. By their aid we have made experiments which at the meetings here have been fully brought out, and which will show the people who are interested in fruit that this industry is not going to go behind that of any in the country. (Hear, hear.) Again I thank you on behalf of the Association.

THE FOOD AND THE MAN.

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I must congratulate you on the excellent annual address, and this Association upon the most useful educational work it is doing in the Province of Ontario. Some people, who live on farms particularly, have a notion that everything educational is wholly concerned with words—the names of things, language, literature; but I think education is hardly worth the name that does not somehow help a man and a woman, a boy and a girl, to do the things of their ordinary life rather better than they would otherwise be able to do them; and so this Association is doing excellent educational work in helping the people who live on land to make that land produce more, and more beautiful and better things, for those of us who are so unfortunate as to be compelled to live in towns. I bear to this meeting the message of the Minister of Agriculture, who asked me to say that he was extremely sorry that public duties detained him at Ottawa, and made it impossible for him to be here to meet this Association, and to say to the people themselves how much he was interested in the work of the Association and in the educational campaign it was carrying on all over this Province of Ontario. He belongs to Quebec, and notwithstanding the fact that he is a citizen of that Province he still has a very wholesome respect for people in Ontario—(laughter)—and that is rather more than some people in Ontario have for people who live in Quebec, who are quite as good as they are. (Hear, hear, and laughter). Now, sir, I must address myself to the subject that I thought I would say a little about to-night, and that is the food values of fruit for people in Canada. Half the struggle of life is a struggle for food. Of course, you say, that is quite true of savage people and of animals that fight for their share, but it is equally true of the most highly civilized communities, who also fight for their share, and if they fight in a more polite way, with more polished weapons, it is not any the less merciless in these latter days, and to earn a man's bread and butter and his apple sauce nowadays is just as hard as it was in the long ago, when he had to take his part in the war and to go out and fight for what he got. I think, sometimes, the wounds of swords and spears were easier healed than the wounds people get in industrial and other competitions. They struck the body only, and left the soul unscathed; nowadays it is sometimes hard to keep a man's heart and soul his own that is striving to get bread honestly in the stern and severe and merciless competition of these latter days. Anything that will help the people to get better food easier would be a great boon to the people, and it is not want in Canada of good food that makes it hard to make ends meet, but it is the utter waste of food and getting the wrong thing at the wrong time. Now, the struggle for food seems to be a sordid subject; but in Waterloo, I will warrant that more than 50c. of

every dollar costs is to live better nothing in tion, that God's suns the way fo not know due to bad blue, and human hea I myself h of hopeful not the mo first way, evening, and make peop people look endurance has no pow and even th and limited enjoyment, hideous thin of things ar of a boy of good Lord the earth w only full o greatest thin God made th body? I am One of them the mouth d substances, the kind of any more th man has wit mainly man take what I decided effec as shown on might find o would not b body for cari off his hand which contain the particles for carrying except solids vehicle. The man's body when a man that is, the su that goes on of the body Then you hav