

With reference to insect pests, I have never known a bog in this country to be damaged with the ordinary cranberry worm, and other worms which are so injurious in the United States. I only know of one spot in Aylesford where the vines were destroyed by these worms. They imported their vines from Cape Cod, which no doubt had all to do with it. Some time ago some parties forwarded to Ottawa for inspection some vines which were attacked by pests, and the authorities pronounced them infested with the Cape Cod fire worm.

I have been looking over the cost of picking this berry in the United States. The barrels cost them forty cents; to gather the berries, I think they pay ten cents for six quarts. In Nova Scotia we only pay one cent per quart. My impression is, it costs in the United States about \$2.70 per barrel, that is to pick, pack and get them to market. In Nova Scotia it is not so expensive. Now, we have a chance to successfully compete with our neighbors to the south of us in their markets, and drive them out of our own.

GEO. THOMPSON. Why is the expense less here than in the United States?

Ans. Well, I cannot tell you except perhaps wages are lower here. We have never had any difficulty in getting pickers. At Cape Cod whole families will go for 40 to 50 miles, and they will board and maintain themselves and pick 6 quarts for ten cents. Their barrels cost them forty cents. I do not know whether their railway freights are higher than with us.

Ques. What can barrels be purchased for here? Ans. Twenty cents.

Ques. Is it the apple barrel? Ans. The same as our barrels.

A. B. PARKER. The American cranberry barrel is much smaller?

Ans. We tried to get the same size as the American cranberry barrel, but we found that ours contains two gallons more. Their cranberry barrel is one inch less in head, stave and bilge than our apple barrel.

The PRESIDENT. Q.—What was the Cape Cod crop this year? It was good—I think it was about 400,000 bushels. They raise large quantities of the Early Black variety, which is a very short keeping berry. It is similar to the Duchess apple; it will not keep long.