

*Climatic.*—Early and late frosts, some years, do damage to blossoms or fruit. Insects have done but little damage for several years. In some previous years many trees were stripped of their foliage. Success is more general than failure.

CAPE BRETON.—It is generally allowed, whether true or not, that Cape Breton is unfavorable for fruit-growing. This, however, has not been proven by the actual experiment of any one man; but the impression is gained from *climatic* influence, the cold, wet springs, exposure to sea-air, and generally damp climate. Previous to 1864, tree peddlars from New York sold here a large number of trees, which for several years grew luxuriantly, but when fruited, with few exceptions, they were of the poorest quality; and those bearing the best apples are now dying away. This has given a severe blow to our ambition in this industry. Probably if our trees could be raised here by some enterprising person, we might be more successful.

COLCHESTER.—Want of care and skill are the chief cause of unsuccessful attempts. Some localities are decidedly uncongenial to apple growing; and the soil near Truro is thought by some to be unsuited. But lack of carefully fencing the orchard from cattle in some places, and the successful attempts of dishonest persons and boys at robbing orchards, is otherwise than stimulating in any endeavor to succeed in fruit culture.

*Insects.*—The "bark-louse" is very common and seriously injures young trees. *Remedy*—make a strong decoction of any strong smelling weed, and with it wash the tree, trunk and branches, about the 10th to 15th of June when the eggs are hatched, and the lice are seen moving about like fine dust. They seem to dislike the presence of foreign vegetable matter, or rubbing with a handful of chickweed is effectual. But the *most effective* is *mercury*. Bore a small hole in the trunk, and put in a "blue pill," then plug up the hole with wood. This cleans the tree.

NOTE.—We would advise caution in the use of Mercury, until further experimented with.—ED.

CUMBERLAND.—Want of skill and care; to this must be attributed the chief cause of trees dying prematurely. Altho' some localities are not well adapted to attain to much success.

DIGBY.—Apple trees usually grow and bear well, especially in sheltered places.

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