

not been more generally grown in King's County. Being a long keeper, and of medium, uniform size, it would seem to be one of the most valuable for the English market, where its fine quality would soon give it a reputation.

As an indication of increasing interest in fruit, I may state that the County is annually canvassed by nursery agents from New Brunswick and from the United States, who sell and deliver thousands of dollars worth of trees every spring; local dealers also order direct from the nurseries. One inland grower planted last spring 40,000 apple root grafts, with a view of supplying in the future a proportion of the demand for trees.

PEARS do not succeed upon the coast and are being gradually abandoned, after years of trial with many varieties, under all kinds of conditions; foliage too delicate to withstand the salt in the atmosphere; inland have not been planted to any extent, but so far as tried succeed fairly, especially early varieties.

PLUMS fail upon the coast in the open ground, but are fairly productive when trained on a wall with a favorable frontage, but the *Black Knot*, unknown a few years since, is now everywhere prevalent and threatens extermination of the plum trees. Inland, the plum succeeds in the orchard, and there are several very good seedlings, shown at our Exhibition, not named.

CURRENTS and GOOSEBERRIES are grown successfully, with abundant, annual crops, whenever good cultivation is given and the currant worm is kept under by Hellebore.

Many varieties of STRAWBERRIES are grown, the newer varieties by the young and enthusiastic amateurs, while the older hands grow *Wilson's Albany* exclusively; of this one variety, the crop exceeds the home market, and considerable quantities are shipped to Boston by steamer and bring fair prices. One of our seedling strawberries, the *Mary Fletcher*, is gaining in reputation in Ontario. The Fruit Growers' Report for 1881 says of it:—

"It is very hardy and of an improving turn, its flavor is superb, and it is an acquisition to the amateur who possesses an exquisite palate."

I have been pleased to observe in the last Annual Report of the F. G. Association that the historical portion of the Transactions had received attention; the experimental portion should follow with all