

young apple trees, which careful, patient digging will surely bring to light and transform into golden fruit and sterling cheques. The Dominion Convention of Fruit Growers will be held in Ottawa, February 19th, and following two days. Nova Scotia is allotted two delegates and \$100 to help defray their expenses. This Convention will represent the Dominion from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island. Its deliberations will be important. You will elect two delegates to represent Nova Scotia and the Fruit Growers Association. A kind Providence has showered blessings upon us during the past season, and with thankfulness to the Giver of all good, I close this address.

On motion of Mr. T. H. PARKER it was resolved that the President's Address be adopted and incorporated in the proceedings published in the regular Annual Report.

The CHAIRMAN announced to the meeting that DR. WOODBURY, of Halifax, had intended reading a paper prepared by himself and entitled "Cranberry Culture," but that owing to a severe attack of la grippe, Dr. Woodbury was unavoidably absent from the meeting. His paper on the subject was accordingly read by the Secretary, and is as follows:—

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I come to you a tyro on the subject of which my paper shall treat. A year ago the Secretary of this Association asked me to present a paper on Cranberry Culture, but when I came to look around for what I knew on the subject, a great deal of theory and a little experience was found, and that born of experiment, the results of which were, and are still buried in some very poor black mud between the sand hills of Aylesford. The situation has not materially changed, except that a little more experience has been added. Considering that cranberries now form so small a part of our crops and very little attention having been hitherto paid to the scientific culture of this fruit in Nova Scotia, it may not be amiss to discuss the soil suitable for cranberries, its preparation, planting, and what the prospect may be of the fruit becoming, in some parts of our Province, an important crop for export. I will only give our own method of preparing and planting, and incidently render the reasons.

After deciding to investigate the subject, membership was secured in the American Cranberry Association, which brought to our aid