

Owing to delay of the officials, the medals awarded at the World's Fair have not yet been received.

While this Association is to be congratulated on doing so much to promote the fruit industry, it is to be regretted that many counties in the Province, capable of raising fruit most profitably, do not take sufficient interest in the work to give it a fair trial. And I would suggest that county Associations be formed in every county, to work along the lines of this industry and send at least one delegate to our Annual meeting to report progress. I hope our Vice Presidents in each county will be induced to make the attempt. We know that fruits and berries of some kind can be grown profitably in every county in the Province, and the material wealth of the Province be largely increased. If we now add the annually increasing value of young orchards (which can be safely estimated at over a million dollars a year) to the annual yield, we can form some idea of the substantial permanent wealth which the fruit industry adds to the province, and its capabilities of increase are almost unlimited by increasing the value of land from \$20 to \$500 per acre in addition to the yearly income.

To form some idea of the growing importance of fruit culture in N. S., I have compiled the following synopsis from the most reliable sources:

1. Annual value of fruit crop, above \$1,000,000.
2. Annual additional value to the permanent wealth of the Province by young orchards, 5000 acres at \$200 per acre, \$1,000,000.
3. Value of orchards now bearing, 7500 acres over \$500 per acre, \$3,750,000.
4. No. of men employed in fruit culture, 6000.
5. No. of men employed in barrel and box factories, nurseries, fertilizers and other industries required by fruit culture, 3000.
6. Freight paid for fruit to Railroads, \$60,000.
7. Freight paid steamboats, \$200,000.

While fruit growers are making a marked improvement in all departments of practical fruit culture, we are laboring under many disadvantages which it should be the