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A Fruit Growers' Exhibition.

We understand it is the intention of the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association to hold an exhibition of fruit in connection with their annual meeting in this town in January, 1896. A suitable prize-list will be offered and a good show of fruit will no doubt be made. This is somewhat in line with the suggestion made by the ACADIAN last winter, with the difference that it was then suggested that the exhibition be held earlier in the season, when a much better display would be possible. Years ago the Fruit Growers' Association exhibitions were held annually and were highly interesting and profitable. We would suggest that this association, which is year by year becoming more popular and influential, should again take the matter in hand. Of late years the exhibitions held have taken too much of the character of money-making enterprises, in which the chief aim apparently has been to advance the business interests of a few individuals and give them the means of favored ones an opportunity of gathering in a generous amount of cash. While this state of affairs obtains the general public cannot be expected to evince a great amount of interest in the success of the undertaking. When the next exhibition is held let it be "in fair field and no favor," and its object wholly to advance the common interest of our horticulturist and gardeners. Sufficient prizes only should be given to pay for the cost of the exhibits, and no one should be induced to take part with the hope of making money. We believe a little intelligent discussion of the matter on this part of those interested would be profitable, and freely offer the use of our columns for the purpose. Don't be hasty.

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Did you ever stop to think that the mercantile community of the country are the only body of men that tolerate the credit system? Let's see you buy postage stamp, post notes, money orders, etc., on credit; and, see what you will be told. Go to the theatre and you pay money. Express companies demand cash, and railway tickets are cash on delivery to the purchaser. Why should not the merchant demand and receive cash? Simply because he encourages the credit system.

It may be impossible to completely eradicate the system but strict limitations on credit is a step in the right road and its evolution will probably a cash basis system of doing business. It is worth a trial and should be began to-morrow. We appreciated them because we knew they came right from the heart. The address of welcome, by Dr. Keirstead, was vigorous, free and full of inspiration; just as kind and cordial a welcome to the pleasures and duties before us at Acadia, as any one could wish for.

Now the chairman of the several committees each gave a short address, stating their duties and the support that each extended from the common body of students.

At the close of these remarks our pastor, Mr. Trotter, gave us a talk, as brief and full as possible, and yet thrashing with friendliness in every well-chosen sentence.

We have just begun a grand year-end discussion on the "old world" question. We pray that St. John will be accounted energy will in the summer storage facilities and thereby assure an important and valuable future for the trade of their port, while Halifax is supinely looking on or impeding the dominion government to come to its assistance and do for it what it should do for itself. Now, this port is admirably suited for the business and eventually must carry on an enormous traffic in goods requiring special treatment but the men who should be most interested are apathetic or hostile. When Augustus and the Captain transport delicate fruits in perfect condition, there is no reason in the world why Nova Scotia cannot do likewise. It is demonstrated beyond peradventure that we can easily raise plums as can be raised anywhere. Our gravenotes cannot be excelled, our pears are not becoming favorites, and our fias trials in peaches have proved eminently successful; all these can be shipped at a profit with the aid of cold storage but not otherwise. Their poultry and mutton, etc., could be sent across at a good profit, if proper facilities are provided. Why not provide for a trade which promises so much? It will be provided sometime in the meantime valuable time is being lost and the country suffers accordingly.—*Atlantic Weekly*.

Major Armstrong, of the militia department, came from St. John last Monday and gave authority for the expending of about \$600 in repairing and preserving some portion of old Fort Anne, or what is commonly called the American Garrison Grounds. This procedure is largely under the control of the town, the town engineer, Mr. Jackie, having been recommended by Mr. Mills, M. P., as a proper party with whom the department could consult as to what should be done. A party of laborers are now at work on the salient fortifications—spectators.

The anniversary of the death of Chas. Stewart Parrott, the Irish leader, was observed in Dublin on the 6th inst., in the customary manner. A large number of relatives and others marched in procession to Glasnevin cemetery, where Mr. Parrott is buried, and placed wreaths upon his grave. The procession was two miles long.

Avonport.

One of our most energetic girls has decided to change her name and residence this week. We feel sorry to lose her, but know what is one loss is another's gain.

The evening of the 10th inst. the E. Y. P. U. held a reception in the vestry of the church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion and assumed a really cheerful and homelike appearance. A business meeting was held at 7.30 and officers for the ensuing six months were elected. Shortly after 8 o'clock the president and vice-president received the guests, who were then left in charge of the social committee. Quiet games and refreshments followed in order. When the hour for departing came all seemed sorry that the evening was so short. They unanimously declared that it was the pleasantest and most successful reception ever held by the Union.

We had the pleasure of entertaining a convention of the W. M. A. S. recently. The evening meeting drew a large number of outsiders who were well pleased with the programme, which consisted of two excellent papers written by Miss Ida Leckhart, L. S. K., and Mrs. Mrs. D. Wolf, Windsor, and addresses by Rev. H. D. MacQuarrie and the president, Mrs. Nadar, a solo by Miss Florence Shand, Windsor, and music by the choir.

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