

judging from the one on spraying which I attended on Mr. Ralph Eaton's farm, near Kentville.

THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Issues at frequent intervals valuable bulletins on agricultural and horticultural subjects, sent free to farmers. It has an experimental station in each province for trial of different varieties of corn, vegetables, and fruits. That of Nova Scotia is at Nappan. The central experimental station is near Ottawa, where soils and fertilisers are analysed free to farmers, insects are identified, and advice given on matters connected with agriculture and horticulture.

In 1897 it sent over an expert, Mr. J. E. Starr (himself a large apple grower), to report on the condition of the fruit arriving in England and Scotland from various parts of Canada, to see whether any improvements in packing, cold storage (for grapes, plums, &c.), steamer accommodation, marketing, could be suggested, or new markets found.

In conclusion, I can recommend Nova Scotia as a pleasant country to farm in, and as a delightful holiday resort, where a good deal may be learnt in agricultural methods. The people are very kind and sociable, and willing to give information. And, finally, I would here like to record my best thanks to my friends across the Atlantic, and to my wife for the two photographs illustrating the paper; also to the Gould's Manufacturing Company for the use of electrotypes illustrating two of their pumps, the "Pomona" and the "Kerowater." This latter has only recently been introduced and patented this year. It mixes and sprays a combined spray of water and paraffin: the proportion of the latter can be regulated from 5 to 25 per cent.