

valley, and every acre of it from the Annapolis Basin on the west to the Avon River on the east might be profitably planted with trees. There is no doubt that money invested in this way would pay as large profits as orange groves in Florida and be subject to none of the risks of stock in Mexican silver mines. There is now a permanent market across the water for all the surplus apples we can raise, as our apples cannot be surpassed in size, color, or quality, the world over. This was proved by the reception with which C. R. H. Starr's collection was met at the Horticultural Exhibition lately held in England and the notice it received by the press. \* \* \* \* Very little change is noted in the variety of the apples planted. The Gravenstein deservedly holds its place in the front rank; but there is a tendency to plant more of the long keeping varieties, and not so many varieties in one orchard. The Ben Davis has become quite popular within the last year on account of its long keeping quality. It will keep sound with ordinary care the year round, and is sound and bright, and of good flavor a year from the time of gathering. The pear, which is a most delicious table fruit, would repay a much larger cultivation than it has at present. The crop for the past year was good and found a ready sale. The Bartlett is hardy and prolific and usually brings five dollars a barrel in our markets.

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"I am confident there is a great future before your colony, as regards the raising of fruit for the London market. Only let it be honestly packed, and sent by an expeditious route, taking due care as regards frost, &c."—*Extract Mr. Lowe's letter.*

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The *Augusta, (Me.) Journal* says that good Canadian fruit sells to far better advantage in England than any other, because of its keeping qualities; and that shippers of Maine apples are imitating the Canadian barrel, that they may obtain the advantage of the reputation of Canadian fruit.

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A correspondent, who has been visiting Nova Scotia, writes to the *Farmers' Advocate*, from which we clip the following:

\* \* \* \* Whilst we know from personal experience, that there are a few favoured spots in Canada better adapted to apple culture than Ontario, such as the Annapolis Valley, N. S., still we claim

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