

this system of transportation came the absolute necessity of better barrels and better packing, thus gaining one step in advance almost unintentionally. Farmers seemed to

SUDDENLY BECOME AWARE THAT THERE WAS MONEY IN APPLES

and new orchards were being planted. The demand for trees continuing to increase, large quantities were imported and local nurseries started to supply the want. Old orchards neglected for years, were pruned, cultivated and regrafted into better sorts. About this time came the great International Exhibition of London in 1861, and through the energy and perseverance of a few gentlemen in Halifax backed up by the government of the day, a fair representation of our fruit was made up and sent over for exhibition. These specimens appear to have taken the Londoners quite by storm, to judge from the accounts published in the papers of the day, which were flattering to our fruits. The success of this effort led to the organization of the Fruit Grower's Association and International Show Society of Nova Scotia in the spring of 1863, and since that year the history of that society and the record of the advance in fruit culture in the province are indential. The amount and value of the information collected and disseminated to the fruit growers of the province through their shows, meetings, and reports, cannot be counted in dollars; neither can the labours of such men as Hamilton and Longley, who gave of their time and talents ungrudgingly until they passed over to join the great majority, be paid for in coin.

THE INCREASE OF ORCHARDING

during the decade of 1871-81 is something remarkable when viewed in the light of the previous increase, Annapolis having raised her average about one-third, while Kings has nearly doubled hers. In 1871 the average of the two counties was 5,152; and in 1881 it was 8,508. In the province the number of acres in 1871 is returned as 13,614; and in 1881 as 21,624, and if the present rate of planting is continued we may look for a much larger rate of increase in the current decade. At the present time there is but little fruit raised for export outside the counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Hants; but from the acreage planted in the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Pictou and Cumberland, we may soon look for a surplus from those

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