

## President's Annual Address, N. S. F. G. A.—1899.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—The landmark known as the President's Annual Address, and which has chronicled the successes and reverses of fruit culture in Nova Scotia for the last thirty-five years, will this year be able to report the most profitable year known in the history of this industry. Owing to the partial and in some cases total failure of the apple crop the world over, the highest continuous prices have been realized in the history of the trade. Nova Scotia has produced about 300,000 barrels of the best apples ever grown here, and from the most reliable authority obtainable they will net \$800,000, about. As most of this crop is exported, it gives a cash revenue from export larger than all the other exported products of the Province combined, which finds its way into the pockets of the inhabitants and does not serve to enrich a few stockholders as is the case with so many other industries. One new and most encouraging feature of this industry is that the first export of apples has been shipped from Pictou county to London and realized the highest market prices, and every county in Nova Scotia should be exporting apples as their most profitable industry. Enough fruit has been grown in certain sections of each county to prove that they are just as capable of producing apples for export as the three western counties.

The world's crop of apples in 1898 was seventy-five per cent. less than in 1896, and the government returns give the apple crop of the United States for 1898 at twenty-three millions barrels against sixty-five millions barrels in 1896, and it is estimated that they require forty millions barrels annually for home consumption. The plum crop was very abundant in localities where the trees were carefully cultivated, and is estimated at 20,000 to 30,000 bushels, but prices in some cases barely paid expenses, and only those who grow, packed and marketed carefully made a profit. Peaches and small fruits were an average crop and fairly profitable. Experience has proved that the hardy, long keeping varieties of apples are the most profitable fruit product of Nova Scotia, and they should all be carefully inspected and disinfected before planting.

## INSECTS.

Destructive insects have been so completely destroyed by the intelligent use of spraying and other methods that our fruits of all kinds have been of unusually good quality, and every successful fruit grower is fully realizing the value of a scientific knowledge in his business. The much dreaded San Jose scale has not yet been discovered in Nova Scotia, although Prof. Sears has had several specimens sent him which were supposed to be infected. Every municipality where fruit is grown should at once be prepared to carry into effect the law passed by the N. S. Legislature last year for its destruction, as we have reliable information that several large nurseries in Ontario are badly infected with it, and every effort should be made to prevent its introduction in Nova Scotia, especially as a large number of fruit trees are coming from there this year and they should all be carefully inspected and disinfected before planting.

## EXHIBITIONS.

It seemed very important that at least one of our commercial varieties of apples should be exhibited at the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition at Omaha in addition to the very creditable general exhibit made by the Canadian Government, and I accordingly entered one barrel of Gravensteins as the best apple grown in America for dessert and cooking purposes, and secured a most desirable space for it in the horticultural building, for which this Association has received a diploma and Gold Medal. We are much indebted to F. W. Taylor, Superintendent of the Farmers' Institute University of Nebraska, and Superintendent of horticulture, &c., at Omaha, for his care and kindness in conducting this exhibit for us, and the following letter from him will be read with interest:

"DEAR SIR.—It gives me great pleasure to say how much your exhibit of Gravenstein apples was appreciated by all lovers of good fruit. The delicious flavor, rich aroma, and beautiful appearance of the apples attracted a great amount of attention and favorable comment. I am sure that it was well worth your while to make this exhibit and I assure you that the attention it attracted was equalled by perhaps no exhibit of the same size. The quality of the apples is so good that I do not wonder that your English cousins are glad to buy them at a profitable price."

Yours truly,  
F. W. TAYLOR, Supt.

From the interest manifested and the enquiries since made for this apple, this exhibit will prove to be of great value. This is the fourth medal won for this Association at large exhibits since I have had the honor of representing you without costing the Association one dollar. The barrel exhibited at Omaha was donated by Dr. DeWitt and the expenses paid by the Dominion Government. This is the 16th medal won by this Association since its formation in all the great exhibitions of the world and our apples have always been awarded a prize where they have been exhibited in fair competition with the world. As this industry increases we must find new markets and keep our fruit before the world in every large exhibition; and we must make a good exhibit in London this year and in Paris in 1900. Our exhibit in Berlin in 1896 first introduced Canadian apples there and \$6 and \$7 per barrel clear has been received for consignments of Canadian apples there this year.

At the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax this year we had over one thousand plates and twenty barrels of superior apples, and the county exhibits were represented by ten counties. When it is known that every county is entitled to draw \$50 and \$10, it is surprising that every county is not represented there. As very little commercial value has been obtained from local exhibits we have discontinued the grant for artistic exhibits and added the amount to county prizes, &c.

## SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE.

As a detailed report of this school will be made by the chairman, I need only refer to it as being very successfully conducted by Professor Sears with about 65 students in attendance, representing nearly every county in the Province, and its influence in promoting the successful prosecution of the valuable industry of fruit culture is being realized all over the Province, and in no other department of educational work is \$2000 as profitably and practically expended as in this school and the lecture course of Prof. Sears throughout the Province, and we hope the Nova Scotia government will see the importance of employing Prof. Sears to lecture and teach in every county during the summer months. A few hours teaching the practical points of fruit growing in our public schools by such a competent professor would be of great value to the Province.

## SIZE OF BARREL.

The National Shippers' Association of America have adopted the following sized barrel for apples in America and have resolved not to buy or ship apples in any other sized barrel, and the sooner Nova Scotia fruit growers adopt the same size the more profitable will their business become. Head, 17 1/2 inches; staves, between crozes, 28 1/2; hogs, 64 inches, outside.

## PROVINCIAL.

As this Association is Provincial and intended to promote fruit culture all over the Province some means should be employed to reach all the people, and if our county vice-presidents would each form a county association of even ten or five members, and meet and discuss fruit growing, they would soon create an interest and promote a profitable industry in every county, and such mission work would be amply rewarded in this life.

The subjects of improved and cheaper facilities for marketing fruit; the value and importance of increased practical and scientific education in this profession, and the necessity for increasing our membership and making this Association more efficient, will, during these sessions, demand your careful consideration and united action.

J. W. BIGELOW, PRESIDENT.

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Wonderful Medicine.

Mrs M. E. Lampman, of Woodstock,  
Ont., writes as follows regarding her  
recovery from suffering agony.

"After serious consideration I think it  
my duty to acknowledge the great good  
that I have derived from Paine's Cere-  
al Compound. No living mortal can  
imagine the sufferings I endured for  
four months. The demon 'La Grippe'  
got a fast hold of me; I became nervous  
and was so prostrated that I could not  
sleep night or day."

"I was reduced to a mere skeleton,  
and life became a burden. My appetite  
was very poor, and I was so extremely  
nervous that I could not bear to have  
any person in the room with me."

"One Sabbath afternoon I read one  
of your books, and found that Paine's  
Cerebral Compound had cured many peo-  
ple. I thought I would try a bottle, and  
bought one that afternoon, and com-  
menced to take it according to directions.  
The relief was almost instant. I contin-  
ued the use of the Compound, and the  
which I can now sleep well all night  
and feel rested when morning comes.  
My appetite is good; I am gaining in  
flesh, and feel like a new person."

"I cannot find words to express my

gratitude for your great Paine's Cere-  
bral Compound, and for the wonderful cure  
it has brought about. I am 73 years of  
age, and can now walk five miles without  
feeling very tired. I am telling my  
friends and neighbors who are sleepless  
and nervous and suffering as I was. I  
wish you unbounded success, and hope  
this may be read by some one who is  
afflicted and anxious for relief."

That Hamburg steak is frequently  
given up by housekeepers as unsatis-  
factory after one or two trials is attrib-  
uted by a Country Gentleman correspondent  
to mistakes in the cooking. Here is  
what is said to be the proper way to  
cook it: Put all that is to be cooked into  
a large plate and form it into one flat  
cake with a knife, pressing it into a  
compact cake as thick as the usual slice  
of steak. Have ready a hot "spider"  
and gently slide the cake off the plate  
upon the iron. When ready to turn,  
loosen its under surface from the iron  
with the knife blade, and holding the  
plate in one hand and the "spider" in  
the other, gently invert the cake into the  
plate, when it can again be slipped off on  
to the hot iron, with the uncooked side  
down and with no breaking apart what-  
ever. In this way it can be cooked and  
left red (but not raw) all through the  
interior in the same manner as with  
ordinary steak. It is wise to have the  
meat man run the Hamburg steak  
through his machine twice. This avoids  
any stringiness. Have him put in a  
little sage, summer savory or other  
seasoning, if you like, and you will have  
sausage flavor without the indigestible  
qualities of sausage. If children are to  
eat meat, there is no better form in  
which to serve it to them than as Ham-  
burg steak. Ordinary steak they are not  
likely to masticate properly.

Some people's virtues are harder to  
get along with than other people's vices.

## THE WHITE RIBBON.

"For God and Home and Native Land."  
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Mrs Hatch.  
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Next meeting in Temperance Hall,  
Thursday, March 9th, at 8.30 p. m. The  
meetings are always open to any who  
wish to become members. Visiting  
members of other W. O. T. Unions are  
cordially welcomed.

## Thank God for Mother.

After one of the hard-fought battles  
of the war, a Confederate chaplain was  
called hastily to see a dying soldier.  
Taking his hand, he said, "Well, my  
brother, what can I do for you?"  
He supposed, of course, the young  
fellow would want to cry to God for  
help in his extremity; but it was not so.  
"Chaplain," said he, "I want you to  
cut a lock of hair for my mother; and  
then, chaplain, I want you to kneel down  
and return thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chaplain.

"For giving me such a mother. O, she  
is a good mother. Her teachings are my  
comfort now. And then, chaplain, thank  
God that by His grace I am a Christian.

What would I do now if I were not a  
Christian? And thank Him for giving me  
my dying grace. He has made this hard  
bed feel soft as downy pillows are."

And, O chaplain, thank Him for the  
promised home in glory—I'll soon be  
there."

"And so," said that chaplain, "I  
kneeling by his bed with not a petition to  
utter, only prayer and thanksgiving for  
a good mother, a Christian hope, dying  
grace and an eternal home in glory."

Max Muller, the famous scholar, has  
long been considered a skeptic, but the  
following testimony, given by him some  
months ago, shows that the reading of  
the New Testament has led him into the  
light: "How shall I describe what I  
found in the New Testament? I had  
never read it for the first time, and I  
prejudiced against it, before I took it in  
hand. The light which struck Paul with  
blindness on his way to Damascus was  
not more strange, more surprising to him  
than it was to me. I suddenly dis-  
covered the fulfillment of all hopes, the  
highest perfection of philosophy, the ex-  
planation of all contradictions of the  
physical world. I saw religion appear  
before me in its true and glorious  
splendor, and in a manner most adapted  
to its acceptance. The whole world  
seems to be ordered for the sole purpose  
of furthering the religion of the  
Redeemer; and if this religion is not Di-  
vine, I understand nothing at all. Such  
is the power of truth. No sincere  
seeker after light can study Christian  
evidences or carefully read the New  
Testament without being convinced of  
the Divine origin of Christianity.—Union  
Signal.

## Better Without.

Temperance reformers have changed  
eccentric opinion, and that is one of the  
most difficult of all achievements. To-  
day 60 per cent. less alcohol is being used  
in the London hospitals than was used  
even ten years ago. This is the result of  
the teaching of men like Dr. Lee and  
Sir W. B. Richardson. Not long ago  
two thousand doctors signed a paper in  
which they said "Health could be best  
maintained apart from alcohol." The  
London Temperance Hospital has proved  
beyond question that all kinds of disease  
can best be treated without alcoholic  
stimulants.

As I stood watching the Niagara rapids  
a few months since, I remembered that  
Captain Webb, the world's champion  
swimmer, had lost his life there. He  
said that he found even the smallest  
quantity of alcohol degenerated the  
muscles of his arms. Livingston, Man-  
sen, Weston, W. G. Grace and others  
have all given proof after proof how  
under great tension and strain, they  
found they were at their best without  
alcohol in any form.

The liquor traffic is the most formid-  
able foe Christianity has to-day. It de-  
troys the Sabbath, drags down family  
life, makes the way to crime easy, and  
spoils the trade of our country. If the  
millions spent in drink were spent in  
the ordinary trade of the country there  
would be full employment for all the un-  
employed. Our factories, mines, work-  
shops and industries would be in "full  
swing." Workhouses, prisons, police  
cells, industrial schools and hospitals are  
largely filled, and lunatic asylums are  
growing with victims. Surely our mis-  
sion in life is to save, to try to make this  
earth of ours happier, better place be-  
cause we have lived here. A selfish life  
cannot enjoy the Kingdom of God. I  
used to think the saddest sight in the  
world was a grave. I have long since  
changed my mind. The saddest sight  
before God is a sepiated soul—a  
human being with a living body, but  
with a soul dead to all higher aspirations  
and a heart cold and cruel to those to  
whom he should be kind. How can we  
meet with these sepiated souls, and not  
be sepiated by the powerful, rich, all-  
pervading influence of the drink traffic.  
—Agnes E. Shack.

## They Do Not Like Us.

Why is the liquor traffic so afraid of  
women? Not the club women, nor  
society women, not the women who  
make impossible demands and spoil  
men's digestions at church suppers—not  
these women, but the women who wear  
this little white badge. They are afraid  
of us; they do not like us. In my state  
a dear little ribbon died when she was  
ago—a dear old saint she was—and when  
they carried her to her burial, two  
saloons-keepers stood close by the way,  
and watched the little procession and one  
of them called out to the other, "That is  
right, get them all under ground as fast  
as you can, for when they are all dead,  
then we will have more peace."—Union  
Signal.

## Scraps for Odd Moments.

A bachelor may have no real happiness,  
but he escapes a lot of real misery.

John D. Rockefeller carries a silver  
watch given to him when he was a boy.

No man ever laid up a cent as a result  
of letting his temper get the best of him.

To a boy every guest means that the  
pie will have to be divided into many  
more pieces.

## Minards Liniment Cures Dandruff.

There is no better salve for keeping  
the mind steady on its keel, and saving  
it from all risk of crankiness, than  
work.

After a man gets old the only kind of  
good luck he has is to wake up from a  
bad dream and be thankful that it was  
not true.

Mattie—Why, what a beautiful ring  
you have, dear! What did it cost you?  
Mya—My liberty. It's my engage-  
ment ring.

## Minards Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

The man who was found eating  
oysters out of the fishermen's barrel  
gave as his excuse that he believed in  
admitting raw material free.

The Lover (passionately)—What can  
I do, where can I go that I may please  
The Loved (also with passion)—Oh, go  
anywhere. Only do go soon.

The girls at school called her Post-  
script.

Why?  
Because her name was Adeline More.

The man whose step-ladder collapsed  
when he was hanging his father's portrait,  
bringing the picture down on the top of  
his head, says it is a striking likeness of  
the old gentleman.

Minards Liniment Relieves Neural-  
gia.

A Caribon man lately wandered into a  
remote hotel that doesn't keep a dictio-  
nary, and on coming down in the morning  
was asked by the landlord how he  
rested.

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times, of expressing themselves, as we all  
know; but a few years ago a little boy  
rather beats the band. He is a young  
gentleman of decided gastronomic tastes  
and a very healthy appetite, but the other  
day his dinner proved too much for his  
little capacity, and the fact is he vomited.  
After this performance he met grand-  
daddy, who expressed much concern  
for his sudden indisposition. "Oh,  
it was nothing, dear; nothing at all. I  
just spilled over a little!"

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Accom. "Richmond".....11.40, a.m.  
Accom. "Annapolis".....11.30, a.m.

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