

the presence of His Excellency the Governor General, who, he need not remind the audience, was Patron of the Field-Naturalists' Club. This was the third lecture of the present course that His Excellency had attended, and the Club was particularly gratified by the interest that he was showing in the work of the society. His Excellency had not only a general interest in all the important industries of Canada, but a particular one in fruit culture and its possibilities in the Dominion. It was well known that His Excellency was an extensive fruit grower in British Columbia, and he (the President) felt sure that those assembled would be very much pleased if His Excellency would address them on the subject that they had had brought before them this evening.

The Governor General, then, rising amid applause, spoke as follows :

It is not surprising that the lecture of this evening has been followed with much attention, for the subject treated is one of much importance, and has been dealt with in a practical and interesting manner. I was struck by the following among other points alluded to, namely, where Mr. Craig spoke of successful fruit culture in Canada, and of the export of Canadian fruits to Europe furnishing an excellent emigration agency. There can be no doubt at all—and it is well to keep it in view—that a supply of first-class fruit, such as Canada is well capable of producing, for the markets, for instance, of Great Britain, will always be particularly valuable as representing the resources and capabilities of the soil of this land. Even apart from the business aspect of the matter, fruit culture has an attraction of its own. It is a branch of botanical science ; and it occupies and requires attention and care of one kind and another throughout the year. I speak to some extent from personal experience, as I may claim to be a Canadian fruit grower (applause), though other duties and avocations render it necessary that I should carry on the work to a large extent by deputy. However, I have at least sufficient practical experience in the matter to make me