

and general expense of fitting up exhibition, etc., was paid by the Dominion Government, and this Association is under great obligations to both governments for having relieved us of any loss of funds in making this exhibit; and we, who have devoted much of our time during the last eighteen months to this exhibit, and the fruit growers who contributed fruit, have our reward in having demonstrated to the world the superior quality of our fruit, and the advantages of Nova Scotia as a fruit growing country.

The report of the chairman of the committee appointed to establish a School of Horticulture, will fully explain this subject, and I need only add that after having over 400 new members on the promise of establishing said school, and in answer to our petition, the Nova Scotia Legislature passed an act granting \$2,000 for the support of said school if 40 regular students attend, or *pro rata* for each student. The petitions to the Dominion Government for a grant to establish an Experimental Fruit Station in connection with the Horticultural School, will be presented to said Government as soon as parliament meets, and a similar amount from that source may be reasonably expected.

At a joint meeting of said committee and the executive committee of this Association, it was unanimously resolved to establish said school at Wolfville, under the control and management of the executive board of this Association, and employ Prof. E. E. Faville, B. Sc. A. of Ames Horticultural College, Iowa, who bears the highest testimonials both from the College and State authorities, as teacher of said school; and as a School of Horticulture is considered indispensable in every fruit growing country, its advantages can not be overestimated by every member of this Association, and it is to be hoped that all will join in making it a success, and of immense benefit to this country. In reviewing our history in fruit culture during the past year, we have as usual been blessed with a good crop of all small fruits, which have been sold at remunerative prices; and while the apple crop of this continent is estimated at 20 per cent., ours will reach 50 per cent. of superior fruit, and at present high prices will be the most profitable crop harvested in this country; and it again demonstrates the superiority of Nova Scotia over any other part of North America for apple culture.

Let us render thanks to Divine Providence for the many great advantages we enjoy as a province, and each do our share in improving

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