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AGRICULTURAL REPORT The report of the Secretary of Agri

culture for Nova Scotia for the year 1916, published by order of the Legis-lature, is a volume of somewhat more than five hundred pages. It consists of three parts. The first part in cludes the report of Principal Cum ming and associate teachers of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Agricultural College, is providing a Farm, including that of Miss Jennie -Fraser,- on Women's Institutions. of the Superintendent of Agricultura Societies, of which there are two hundred and sixty-three, with membership of 10,523. The subscriptions from members toward the worl of these societies was \$20,746.94, and the total grant in aid by the government was \$14,000. The third part devoted to Fruit Growing. Nearly all the fruits' common to the temperate zone are grown in Nova Scotia. such as the pear, plum, cherry, peach quince, and small fruits. But the most important of these, as is wel! known, is the apple. It is estimated that 40,000 acres of land in this Province are covered with apple orchards. These are found chiefly i the section sheltered by the North Mountain, although many excellent apples are grown on the South Shore and other parts of the Province. The largest apple crop was recorded in 1911, when 1.734.872 barrels were

packed and sold. For the past four

cleven bearing years it produced 234

barrels of merchantable fruit, which netted two dollars a barrel. It is still living and bearing good crops. The owner attributes its growth and fruit fulness to the situation. It grows on the side of a bank of a variant that barrels of merchantable fruit, which the side of a bank of a ravine that sula. He remained touring lefsurely makes down from the mountain, ir about until April 28, when he started which a small stream of water runs the roots of the tree running into this

Baddeck, C. B., a cereal mill, con- departed. four units. One of these is a gentleman who

all all was and trials that

came from England in 1897 and settled in Waterville.

In a word, this large volume i filled, with information, the value which cannot be questioned, touching every department of the work of the farmer and orchardist. It well de serves to be read carefully from cover to cover.

## BELGIAN RELIEF DISCONTINUEP

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Chairman o the Commission for the Relief of Belgium, connected with the Federa Council of the Churches of Christ in America, announces that the Commis sion has discontinued its appeals for contributions to Belgium, and als suggests that pledges for future gifts

to Belgium be discontinued. This an nouncement has been made in view o the fact that the American Govern ment is appropriating twelve and half millions of dollars monthly aid of the sufferers in Bolgium and Northern France.

In Poland, Armenia and other Bible pain. In Forand, Armenia and other bind lands there are millions, especially of women and children, who are ab-solutely dependent upon gifts similar to those which have hitherto gone to Belgium, and there are agencies through which these gifts may be distributed as the deagers desire. The American women will welcome this distributed as the doaers desire. The Federal Council referred to is one of these agencies, and its central office says that a. growing number of churches is contributing monthly amounts. One church in Brooklyn

Tails to send a monthly offering of about one hundred dollars. Viewing the whole war area, the need of help is greater than it has been at any time since August 4th, 1914. This cannot be questioned and constitutes of itself area construction. Forestry, Mechanical Transport, etc., all need men.<sup>3</sup> fails to send a monthly offering of serve, can find a place. Infantry, Ar of itself an argument which Christian people should not ignore.

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