

members to grow their own trees—sow the seeds, graft the roots, and make the tree *home* grown, root and branch. Prof. Saunders says home grown apple trees are as good in every respect as imported, and you need only visit the orchards of John L. Gertridge, R. W. Starr, John Byrnes, Isaac Shaw, to have this proved to your satisfaction. The distinguishing feature of the exhibition was the fruit. Provincial Exhibitions have made a *larger* show; but for size, smoothness, richness of color, and perfection of shape, the apples at Kentville surpassed all previous shows in the Province, and many expressed their opinion that they beat the world. Gravensteins, Ribstons, Kings, Blenheims, Fallawater, Twenty Ounce Pippin and Golden Russet were magnificent. The tables were a thing of beauty and a delight to the thousands of visitors. Windsor is preparing for a joint exhibition next autumn, and I hope this Association will assist as far as possible; for I believe Exhibitions are a great educator of the people. The orchards of this valley are the pride and glory of Nova Scotia, and the apples of these three counties have won a world-wide reputation. No other county in the Province exports any apples, but I feel convinced that were the same knowledge and care and skill given to fruit growing in other parts of the Province, success would be the result. Indeed, Yarmouth, Lunenburg, Antigonish, Pictou and the Island of Cape Breton are already raising considerable fruit for home consumption, and the two governments have taken Colchester and Cumberland under their fostering care, and their capabilities will be thoroughly tested. I have never been reconciled to the location of both the government farms outside of the fruit belt. We, in this valley, naturally felt that we had a claim to the Model Farm after the Federal Government had located the Experimental Farm in Cumberland. It is true the location of the Normal School and the Professor of Agriculture in Truro was a strong argument in favor of Bible Hill, but for first-class farming here is the place. We can grow everything that will grow on the Model Farm, and the finest fruit in the world besides. We need an experimental fruit station in this valley in order that our children may have the advantage of scientific training in that particular branch of industry which will be their magnificent heritage. Can your boys do anything better than stay at home on the farm and start an orchard and build up their own country, while they are making a home and fortune for themselves? There is a treasure hidden among the roots of the

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