

fore not of a nature to enable him to recommend that Government aid be granted.

The Minister therefore recommends that an answer in the sense of the minute be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Bigelow, President of the N. S. F. G. A.

All which is respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE,  
Clerk of the Privy Council."

It is deeply regretted that the Dominion Government did not see fit to aid this most important industry, and we hope our petition will be favorably reconsidered.

It was deemed most important for the Association to make an artistic exhibit of fruit at the Provincial Exhibition, Halifax. Space was secured and a donation of fruit was solicited from every county, and under the management of our practical lady Horticulturist, Mrs. Olivia Johnson, assisted by our worthy Secretary, an exhibit was staged which received universal commendation and won a silver medal for merit from the Exhibition commission. I wish here to thank the fruit growers who contributed the best of their product, and especially Mr. Harris, of the Nova Scotia Nursery, of Halifax, who donated a valuable and beautiful display of plants and flowers. I expended \$101.10 on the exhibit and received \$50 from the commission, and have much pleasure in donating the balance. By this exhibit we were enabled to demonstrate the importance and profit of fruit culture, to distribute our reports and the school catalogue, and solicit membership, which added considerably to our funds and secured many valuable members, whose interest in our work is of great importance.

On the occasion of the visit of His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen to the western part of the province, they requested the special train to be detained at Wolfville, to receive an address of welcome and an invitation to visit our orchards, from this Association, which address was fittingly responded to and the invitation accepted.