

ing of prices in accordance with the brands, by assisting to regulate as well as to create brands, and by inspiring more confidence in the growers and shippers here, as well as the dealers and consumers in foreign markets. There is abundant room for such a company to work, also in opening out new markets and introducing into foreign markets fruits that at present are grown only for local markets.

Our Provincial Government has materially strengthened our hands by opening a place for our experts at farmer's institutes, where we are able to reach a class who otherwise paid little if any attention to fruits. If we can succeed in convincing fruit growers, large and small, that it is as necessary to produce the finest samples in order to make money as it is to breed the best animals, or clean thoroughly so as to bring to market the best sample of grain to command the highest prices, then we will have accomplished a great end. Probably few, if any, will deny this, but it seems difficult to get producers schooled up to that point where they will act in everything up to the "golden rule" in its strictest sense. It is an easy matter for a man dishonestly inclined to practice a fraud upon his customer by placing poor fruit in the bottom or middle of the package. It also often seems to be a difficult thing for a man who may have a deservedly good name for honesty in general business matters, to attempt to pack apples for fear the finest samples should rise to the top and inferior fruit settle into the heart of the package. But notwithstanding, every drawback advancement is the order of the day in horticultural circles.

Since our last annual meeting death has removed from our ranks one who often addressed us from the President's chair ; one whose devotion to practical horticulture was remarkable, and whose enthusiasm was inspiring, in language forcible, pure and practical, stern in good principle and Christain worth, and in example becoming his high calling. We mourn our loss in the death of the Rev. Robert Burnet.

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