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FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Reports of the quarterly meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association held at Bridgetown this week show the attendance to be very unsatisfactory. Only two representatives were present from King's Co. This certainly does not speak well for our fruit growing community. Either the F. G. A. is a good institution or it is not. If the latter, it strikes us the sensible thing would be to stop it at once. But we are of opinion that it is good. The old saying is that "Two heads are always better than one," and we see this borne out every day. In order to accomplish any kind of reform or other great work it is necessary to its success that we have an interchange of ideas and a thorough ventilation of ways and means and methods and agencies. This can best be accomplished by meetings, and discussion of the matters from different standpoints of different minds.

It is an acknowledged fact that in the past our farming and fruit growing has not been carried on with the method and scientific knowledge necessary to develop it to anything like its attainable capacity. Slowly but not the less surely has reform been going on. The Grange filled an important place in the work by bringing our farmers together and having discussed the errors and deficiencies of the old style of farming and showing the remedy by the experiences of the more speculative and experimental agriculturists. The good accomplished in this way cannot be estimated. Papers are read, books obtained, and speeches made on scientific and practical farming which bring to light facts which a large majority of our farmers never dreamed of before.

So with the F. G. A. properly conducted and attended by all our fruit growers, and those who attend all aiming, between the meetings, to study out some new idea to bring up when they

meet, cannot fail to be of inestimable value to all engaged in fruit culture. One man might study the markets, another grafting, another the different diseases of fruit trees, another packing, and so on; and if this were done a meeting could be held which would be worth thousands of dollars to every fruit grower. King's Co. has had a name for great intellectuality and we do hope our fruit raisers will do nothing, by their lack of energy, to hurt that reputation. Are we not right? and if right won't you rouse up and go to work at once with vigor, determined to have our fair county second to none in the development of her magnificent natural resources.

PRISONER ESCAPED.

Elderkin, the man committed to jail at Amherst to await trial at the Supreme Court for shop-breaking, escaped from the train on the way up. Constable Eagles, who had him in charge makes the following statement: "We left Windsor Junction by the Quebec Express on Thursday evening. Shortly after leaving Truro, Elderkin complained that he was sick and went into the water closet. Thinking he might try to get out of the window, I went on the platform of the car to watch. All was right and when train started, I went inside again. As soon as Elderkin came out he asked me to get him a seat near, as he might want to go back again. I went in and tried the windows and found them as I supposed, stuck down, as I could not lift them. Before we arrived at Greenville the prisoner went in again, and when we got near Greenville Station, I again went on the platform of the car. The train hardly stopped, and when she started again the conductor got on where I was and said: 'Are you watching your bird?' I replied that I was afraid he would get out of that window. Perhaps a minute went by when the conductor said: 'You needn't watch any longer; for the train is now at her speed of 35 miles per hour.' I then went inside and as I passed the door I heard the prisoner inside. I waited perhaps half a minute longer, and hearing no sound inside I opened the door and found prisoner gone and window wide open. I at once raised an alarm and reported to conductor. He at once exclaimed: 'He is a dead man, and you will find him by the track in the morning.' I did not know that I could have the train stopped, so went on to Spring Hill. In the morning went back and found track about 300 rods from station where he struck when he dropped from the car, but though I searched thoroughly I could find no trace of him. How he could drop from that train, going at the speed it was, and be able to get away puzzles me."

The prisoner is still at large. When he escaped he had on hand-cuffs and his arms were strapped from behind.

CRICKET.

The Wolfville C. C. played a match

with the Canning C. C. on Saturday last resulting in a victory for the latter by six runs. Some of the best fielding ever seen on the Wolfville Cricket Ground was done. The batting of the Wolfville team was not up to the average which accounts for their small score. The best batting for the Canning team was done by Newcombe and Northup, and by Brown and Bishop for the home team. Below is the score.

CANNING C. C., FIRST INNINGS,	
J. Miller, b D. R. Munro	8
G. Newcombe, b H. H. Welton	15
J. Northup, b "	21
W. Brown, c G. W. Munro, b Welton	0
F. Northup, b H. H. Welton	0
G. Miller, c D. R. Munro b Welton	3
O'Herrin, c H. H. Welton b "	1
A. Lockwood, c H. R. Welton, b D. R. Munro	1
L. Eaton, not out	2
C. Woodworth, c F. L. Brown b Welton	1
Byes 1, L. Byes 4, Wides 10	15
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WOLFVILLE C. C., FIRST INNINGS.	
Wallace, c Eaton, b Miller,*	7
H. R. Welton, b Brown	2
Bishop, b Miller	11
Margetts, c Lockwood, b Miller	0
Sawyer, b Miller	3
G. W. Munro, c Northup, b Miller	7
Woodworth c Woodworth b Brown	9
Brown, not out	10
D. R. Munro, b Brown	0
H. H. Welton, b Brown	0
Patriquin, b Miller	3
Byes 1, L. Byes 6, Wides 2	9
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*Objected to as being caught off breast instead of bat.

Canning was sent to bat and had made 83 runs and four wickets down when time was called. The score would probably have been large had the second innings on both sides been played. Had Wallace not been put out as he was it is hard to say how the match would have gone, but it would have probably made considerable difference in the result.

LONG ISLAND.

—Mr. Charles Palmeter has been seriously indisposed for several weeks in consequence of a surgical operation performed upon his throat, he is at present recovering.

—Mr. James Allen is building a new barn, and Mr. Joseph Allen repairing an old one.

—The creek in front of the Island contains water enough now to sail quite a ship, and has for several years past been gradually widening and submerging some of the most valuable lands on the Grand Pre. Something should be done at once to drain the creek as the large amount of stagnant water it contains must seriously affect the health of the place.

—Farmers anticipate an average yield of hay at least, grain and vegetables are very promising.

—The Fisheries have slightly improved during the last few days but no large catch has yet been taken.

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