

FRUIT GROWING IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The *Country Gentleman*, referring to the last report of this Association, and alluding to the Western Counties of Nova Scotia, says: The northern latitude and proximity to open water appear to give these counties the same advantages in raising long keepers as those possessed by the Owen Sound region in Canada and the Grand Traverse in Michigan, all three being alike in latitude.

From all the information which reaches us, a vast increase in the fruit production of this country may be expected in a few years. Nova Scotia bids fair to become celebrated for its growth of superior fruit.—*Halifax Herald*.

The following is from the Report of the Directors of the King's County Agricultural Society at their last Annual Meeting:—The orchards are rapidly growing in extent and importance, and fruit is becoming a large source of income to the farmers of this valley. Cherries are not counted here. Plums were a light crop and the price high. Apples, the fruit of the Annapolis valley, and the crop above all others in the near future, were far below the average yield; but they were large, well colored, and very uniform in size, and there was a quiet market for them at figures which fully compensated for the short crop. Our early soft varieties, including Gravensteins, found a ready market in Boston at from three to four dollars a barrel, delivered at the cars. The long keeping varieties have been largely held for the London market and have already been shipped, or will be, by first steamer offering, so as to reach the Christmas market. Your directors find that orcharding is becoming more and more popular, not only with farmers but also with professional men, and men of wealth in our cities who have an eye to a good investment and who also appreciate the pure, cool health-restoring atmosphere of our garden valley in the summer months, filled as it is with the beauty and perfume of the pink and white blossoms in the flowery months of June, and later all aglow with the red cheeked and golden fruit among the green leaves. There is not a spot of earth in the world better adapted by the soil and climate to the cultivation of the various kind of apples than this