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time. Now, the object of the present work, is one of the most agreable and attractive branches of agriculture. The science of the cultivation of fruit trees, will expand the intellect and develope good teste. In this respect therefore it is worthy of our best attention, for to secure success, work alone is not sufficient, there must also be the desire for success. From another point of view the cultivation of fruit trees can never be a matter of indifference.

The fruit trade of Canada has developed into enormous proportions and in all the Provinces of the Dominion, its cultivation is increasing more and more, so as to obtain a share of the profit it produces, due to the high position held by canadian fruit in foreign markets. The new fruit plantations in British Columbia cover hundreds of thousands of square feet.

Lastly there is the local market, which should not be neglected. We cannot expect to see our fruit arrive at maturity during the first days of summer, but it must not be forgotten that if it only arrives later, it has the double advantage of being delivered newly gathered and of being ripened on the tree, and that consequently the particular flavour of all fruit, arrived at maturity under natural conditions, cannot fail to command a renumerative price even in our own markets.

Upon this subject and in conclusion we will give the very correct ideas published by the inspector of the experimental stations of fruit Arboriculture in the report of the Department of Agriculture of Quebec. He wrote :