

of perfection. A portion of our fine large apples and other fruits should be wrapped in paper to meet the demand of the better class of trade. The growth of the fruit-growing industry, and the rapidly increasing demand in the markets of the world for the very best, will compel us to take these advanced steps in our profession or be left in the rear to meditate over lost opportunities. The ratification of the French treaty will be a severe check on the rapid growth of the grape-growing industry of this province, and will increase the importation of foreign wines, as the conditions of this treaty will allow all countries the same privileges. The concessions made will involve a loss of revenue amounting to \$60,000 annually on the basis of importation from France in 1892. We fail to see why our wine-producing industry should be exempted from the full advantages conferred by the National Policy, and sacrificed to the interests of a foreign country. The developing of markets is one of the most important questions in connection with the fruit growing industry of this province. It is much to be regretted that the trial shipment of over ten tons of our choicest fruit to Great Britain was a failure; it is also a matter of congratulation that the Dominion Government has promised to make several trial shipments next season. At the last session of the Provincial Parliament the Hon. Minister of Agriculture introduced and carried a bill to suppress frauds in the sale of fruit. This is in the direction that this Association has always advocated, viz.: a better system of picking, grading and packing fruit, which means a greater consumption and more extended markets. While we are grateful for this, does it reach far enough? Should not the grower be protected? How much greater is his loss, when after purchasing, planting and cultivating an orchard for years, he finds it not true to name and of worthless varieties? Should we not ask for still more? New insects are continually appearing, also fungi not before observed, in different countries; trees from these countries are being imported every year into this province, and as the inroads already made by these enemies to fruit culture are a serious loss to the grower, should we not ask to be protected from such formidable enemies as the San Jose Scale and others, by the enactment of such quarantine regulations as now exist in California, which makes provision for all plants, trees, cuttings, grafts, buds, scions, seeds or pits brought into the state, to be disinfected on arrival at any point where they are to be unloaded; and for all peach, nectarine, apricot, plum or other trees, budded upon peach stocks or roots, and all pits raised or grown in a district where the peach yellows or peach rosette is known to exist, to be prohibited from being planted or offered for sale? Good results are already being seen from the amendments made to the Black Knot and Yellows Act. In my own township, where the diseases were spreading to an alarming extent, after vigorously enforcing the act for two years scarcely a vestige of the diseases remains; and it can, I believe, be entirely stamped out. The very thorough and complete system of spraying experiments conducted under the Provincial Government during the past season will, I trust, give us valuable results, and no doubt will be one of the most interesting subjects on our programme. It is such an important matter in our work and one in which there is yet so much to be learned that I trust we will be able to give it a good share of our time for discussion. Many improvements will yet have to be made before our spraying apparatus will reach the desired end

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