

Most powerful among the factors which have assisted the development of fruit growing in Canada, are those organizations known as Association's of Fruit Growers. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, and, lately, Prince Edward Island, have each a provincial organization composed of the best men. It is to the credit of the several provincial governments that the good work of these societies is in the main wisely assisted. In the volumes of the reports of these societies are chronicled the histories of provincial fruit development. The progress of less than 2 century has been marvellous. The trend of the age in fruit growing as in other industries is towards specialism. The fruit grower is yielding to the impulse. We are now growing fruits especially for canning, for home use, for keeping, and for carrying. We are finding the areas best adapted to the production of particular varieties and profiting by this experience. Lastly, we are uniting science with practice in studying principles and in applying methods which will produce better fruit than heretofore at less cost, thus ministering to the wants of the poor, as well as to the rich, and by so doing adding the wealth to of our land and increasing the sum total of human happiness.

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The President (Mr. Shutt) in conveying the thanks of the Club to the lecturer, said that the intensely interesting and instructive lecture that they had, had, the pleasure of listening to was one that might well serve as a type of those most useful addresses which treat of the practical or economical, as well as the more strictly scientific aspect, of the subject. There was probably no one in Canada, he said, who by reason of his official position and the wide experience which it afforded, was so able as Mr. Craig to impart reliable information regarding fruit culture in the various parts of the Dominion.

They were especially honoured, the President remarked, by