

good results. For the average farmer, we would recommend a cross instead of pure-bred hogs.

Pear Culture.

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Mr. Chairman,—I presume we have all come to the conclusion that fruit-growing culture is only in its infancy, and whatever progress has been achieved, the business is still in its primary state. But it seems to me that there is interest manifested, not only in this valley, but in other parts of the Province. We heretofore have not produced enough of some fruits for our own consumption. Many, who did not know they could produce fruit for commercial purposes, are now going into it as a business—and I think fruit growing is going to extend. Now seeing that fruit growing is going to be one of the chief industries of this Province, we should not only study the development and enlargement of apple growing, but also grow other fruits that succeed well in this Province. There are some fruits that can be successfully grown that heretofore have received little attention—among these fruits is the pear. The pear, I think should engage the attention of our fruit growers. It is indigenous to this Province, and it would have a phenomenal success, if properly cultivated. The pear, on account of its mellow juicy flavor and fine aroma, stands at the head of all fruits. It has a long season, and can be sold from August until early spring. Of course fruit growing is now past the amateur stage in this Province, and we are all more or less looking at it from a commercial standpoint—for dollars—and the first point to look for is the market. The market for pears is the same as the market for apples—the British market. I have been watching the sale of pears in the British market for the last five years. The man who has a good pear orchard has a Klondike. They sell in the British market from \$2.50 to \$4.00 a box. They are shipped in boxes, half barrels and barrels. The varieties I would advise you to get are the late autumn and early winter varieties that are shipped from the middle of December up past Christmas and the holidays. I would recommend Buerre D'Anjou, Buerre Clairgeau, Buerre Bosc.