

purpose of supplying an abundant annual supply of herbage, in addition to yielding an inexhaustible store of cheap natural fertilizer used by fruit growers with great advantage upon the upland orchard areas. The more favourable portions of the province produce apples of the finest quality, plums, pears and small fruits in fair quantity and of good quality. The early ripening varieties of peaches may, and are being cultivated with success in the open. This branch of the industry is developing rapidly. Another branch of the industry unknown to commerce ten years ago, is now rapidly assuming important proportions. I refer to cranberry culture. In 1890 some 400 barrels were harvested. Last year the output reached 2,000 barrels. The total orchard area of the province is estimated at 75,000 acres. The marketable crop of apples amounted last year to over 500,000 barrels, nearly all exported to Britain. The cultivated orchard area was increased this year by 5,000 acres. The names of Col. John Burbidge,—introducer of the well known Nonpareil Russet,—Dr. Samuel Willoughby, Ezekiel Calkin, Dr. Inglis—first Bishop of Nova Scotia, who brought to the Valley Yellow Bellefleur, where it was named Bishop's Pippin, in consequence,—Hon. Charles Ramage Prescott—who imported Ribston Pippin and the famous *Gravenstein*, which he fruited in 1838,—Dr. C. C. Hamilton—the founder and first President of the Provincial Society—are all names that should be handed down to history, and are those whose good deeds will live after them, for is it not true that he who originates or introduces a new and valuable fruit suited to general cultivation, is as much a benefactor to mankind as he who discovers a new principle in science, which increases the comfort and happiness of the race?

The fruit growers of the province are intelligent and energetic. The establishment of a School of Horticulture at Wolfville, the only one of its kind in America, is but an evidence of the progressive spirit of the people. There is still a large amount of unoccupied fruit land in the province.