

your Executive have leased a lot of land for \$25 a year, and aided by public subscription, have erected a greenhouse and laboratory at a cost of about \$600. I would take this opportunity of urging on the people of this Province the necessity of giving this school their support and patronage by sending their sons and daughters to the school, where they can obtain practical information which cannot fail to be of the greatest advantage to them; and since the N. S. Government has made it possible for us to have the the only school of Horticulture in Canada, we should not fail to avail ourselves of its advantages.

As practical experimental work is indispensable for the success of the school and to promote fruit culture throughout the province, a petition signed by over one thousand of the most influential men and women representing every county of the Province, was forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, asking for a grant of two thousand dollars a year for an experiment fruit station in connection with this school, to which I received the following reply :

“Extract from a Report of the Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 1st Aug., 1894.

On a Report, dated 16th July, 1894, from the Minister of Agriculture, stating that he has had under consideration a communication, hereto attached, signed by J. W. Bigelow, President of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, and six other members, and covering a petition pointing out that an effort is being made by the said Association to establish a Horticultural School with an Experimental Fruit Station in the province, and the desirability of having a Meteorological Station established in connection therewith.

The Minister observes that it is requested in this correspondence that the Government aid in the undertaking by granting an annual subsidy of \$2000, and on consideration of the several statements in this correspondence, he (the Minister) is of opinion, that however generally valuable the successful carrying out of the views therein set forth might be, the undertaking is purely Provincial, and there-