

it is proposed to add to this number every season, until that degree of success is reached which will provide hardy fruits for every province in the Dominion. When we consider the rapid strides which have been made in fruit production during the past forty years, and take into account the increased facilities we now have for obtaining and disseminating new sorts, it is difficult to estimate what grand results may be reached in a few years more. I am firmly of opinion that this system of experimental farming which the Government of this country have now undertaken will be highly successful, and that it will prove of great use to farmers and fruit growers in all parts of the Dominion. Fruit growing is a subject in which as you know, I have taken a lively interest, and with increased opportunities for doing good in the future, I trust my interest in it will continue unabated. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT HART.—While on a visit to the south shore I noticed that strawberries were looking very satisfactory. Fameuse showed remarkable vigor, without the slightest indication of the existence of fungus spot. It may yet come to pass that Montreal culturists will be obliged to go to Shelburne for this fruit.

R. W. STARR.—I saw larger fruit in some of the small orchards in the valley of Upper LaHave than I have seen in the Annapolis Valley. I might say the same of New Germany. In Bridgewater the various kinds of fruit looked as well as those we have here under ordinary cultivation; and there is no reason why the whole of that central portion of the country should not be equally successful with Annapolis in this industry. Unfortunately, they have very poor means of transportation, and are in the same position that we were 25 years ago. They do not require any more drainage than we do, and their soil is naturally better than ours, though they have not the same facilities for manuring.

PROFESSOR SMITH.—I was surprised to find grapes and apples growing nicely on the north shore of Tatamagouche Bay, on an arm projecting out into the bay. When these fruits grow and ripen in the cold and icy winds of Tatamagouche Bay, I see no reason why they should not do well anywhere.

MR. RAND.—I presume that I have the earliest cherries in the country. We have no native cherries. They were probably imported from France.

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