

PROVINCIAL.

As this Association is Provincial and intended to promote fruit culture all over the Province some means should be employed to reach all the people, and if our county vice-presidents would each form a county association of even ten or five members, and meet and discuss fruit growing, they would soon create an interest and promote a profitable industry in every county, and such mission work would be amply rewarded in this life.

The subjects of improved and cheaper facilities for marketing fruit; the value and importance of increased practical and scientific education in this profession, and the necessity for increasing our membership and making this Association more efficient will, during these sessions, demand your careful consideration and united action.

J. W. BIGELOW, President.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Axford, seconded by Dr. DeWitt, the address of the President was received and ordered to be printed in the transactions of the Association.

Mr. Chas. R. B. Bryan, Secretary of the Pictou County Farmers' Association then addressed the meeting as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Little did I expect, when I arrived here this evening from Pictou County, that I should be the only one from that county, and be called upon to make the first remarks upon the President's Annual Address. I may say I am glad to be here. I suppose I am expected to say something in respect to the output of fruit from Pictou County. The carload shipped the other day was the first carload shipped from the county to the London market. I do not know exactly what prices were realized, but I was glad to hear they brought the highest price. It shows that the apples grown in Pictou County must be very good ones, and that the apples shipped must have been carefully picked, handled and packed. Before this week is out, another carload will go forward. Mr. James W. Smith, to whom the credit of effecting this shipment is due, expected to be here to-night, at least he told me so yesterday morning, and was to have met me on the train, but yesterday afternoon we had a severe snow storm, and I assume on account of the drifts and state of the roads he did not make con-