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COMMENT.

A GREAT MEETING.

(Co-operative Farmer).

The annual convention of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association was largely attended, over 800 people being present. Admirably conducted and ably entertained, it was the sort of meeting that both delights and instructs the visitor and gives him some idea of the extent of the fruit growing interests which it was called to promote.

The effect of such meetings can only be for good ; we, as farmers and horticulturists, need the stimulating effects of more of such gatherings. Beside the educational benefits there are others, call them sentimental if you will, which go a long way to stimulate the growth of an industry and promote the prosperity of the country ; and when an industry like fruit growing obtains such a standing that the Legislature of a province adjourns for a day, and, headed by the Lt. Governor, sends a contingent of its members to attend their meetings, it shows the appreciation in which the work of the fruit grower is held by the Government of the province.

The business-like way in which the work of the Association is conducted, the success which is attending its efforts, particularly in regard to the School of Horticulture, will have the effect of increasing its membership and extending its field of influence. We think that every county in Nova Scotia should have a local Fruit Growers' Association, for the fruit growing capabilities of the province are not confined by any means to the Annapolis Valley. These local societies should send delegates to the larger Association and so provide for the representation of all portions of the province.

Fruit growing in the Maritime Provinces is yet in its infancy, the most ardent enthusiast cannot place our boundary of produc-