

of every kind of fruit, still the field of operation is sufficiently large and the numbers of acres of fruit, which will give profitable returns, is sufficiently great, to induce the intelligent farmer to endeavour to share with others the advantages to be derived from this branch of agriculture. With the assistance of Government grants, experiments have been tried in various parts of the Province. The object of these experiments was rather to obtain knowledge than profit and to demonstrate to the public that certain regions of the country were favorable to the cultivation of fruit trees and of what varieties. The various reports, made up to the present time, allow of no further doubts as to the quality of the soil, or the possibility of raising trees, provided always that the operation is confined to the cultivation of hardy varieties, perfectly acclimated. Information on this subject will be found further on. A thing much to be desired, and upon which every one is agreed, is that the children of our villages should have correct ideas of the science and art of the cultivation of the ground. By exercising their intelligence on these interesting subjects, we will raise in their estimation, and cause them to love, an employment which practice and ignorance have brought down to the level of a coarse and laborious task; little by little without trouble they will become attached to it and in time to come we will not have to sigh over the desertion of the labourer from the fields for the towns. This is a point which is admitted by every sensible man. It remains now to be seen whether the teachers are capable of immediately affording this elementary instruction. They are not, most of them, being themselves unskilled, but they should all be able to become so within a very short