

Many of us are not taking advantage of the privileges we might enjoy, and I just throw out a few hints which I hope will be followed up—as quite a quantity of small fruits and vegetables can be grown for export or local market as well as keeping each individual farmer's table well supplied.

Mr. J. E. Starr differed from Mr. Blair in respect to close planting. Said it was the bane of New Brunswick and one of the evils he pointed out in his tour through that province.

At this juncture Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, accompanied by Hon. Dr. Borden, and B. W. Chipman, secretary of agriculture, entered the room, receiving an ovation.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome to the hon. minister of agriculture, was then read by W. H. Chase, president of the Wolfville board of trade in conjunction with the Fruit Growers' Association.

To the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada:

Honored Sir,—In conjunction with this old and distinguished society, the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, to whose good offices we owe the honor and privilege of having you among us to-day, I beg, as president of the Wolfville board of trade and in conjunction with the president and members of the F. G. A., to extend to you a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome.

We are happy, both in having you visit Wolfville to-day, and in the opportunity that will be afforded us of listening to a minister of our government who will take an important part in the programme of this afternoon's transactions. This is, we believe, your second visit to Wolfville. On the former occasion you were made aware of the important work being done here in connection with agriculture and horticulture, a work so intimately associated with the portfolio of your distinguished office. In the work of to-day we feel it a duty to repeat on this second occasion of your visit to our town, what was then said. The various departments of this work will be stimulated and benefited by your being among the speakers on this occasion, for you are in accord with the efforts put forth for their improvement and advancement.