

The late Honorable Charles R. Prescott, of Starr's Point, Cornwallis, a gentleman of refined taste, and a lover of the beautiful in art and nature, removed from Halifax after a successful business career as a merchant, and commenced the cultivation of the apple, pear, plum, cherry, peach and grape, with smaller fruits and flowers, in a beautiful location at Starr's Point, and for over forty years was not only a successful cultivator of all these fruits, but his tastefully laid-out and well-kept place, "Acacia Grove," was the resort of his friends, and of strangers from all parts of the country, and from abroad. It is to be regretted that this once lovely spot is now cultivated only as a farm, the ornamental having given place to the strictly useful, and the buildings and orchards alone remaining.

The late Benjamin Woodworth, a gentleman residing in the immediate vicinity of Starr's Point, was also a very successful cultivator of the apple, pear, and plum, from whose nursery many of our best orchards in Cornwallis were stocked.

No one in particular is known to have taken the lead in fruit culture in the earlier years in Annapolis County, where there are numerous orchards, consisting largely of the *Nonpareil*, *Russet*, *Greening*, and other old standard varieties. Suffice it to say, that in the extensive valleys of Cornwallis and Annapolis, the former styled the "Garden of Nova Scotia," orchards now exist by the thousand, and the demand for fruit-trees continues unabated. The orchards planted within the last quarter of a century are more extensive than formerly, and generally consist of the choicest fruit, well cultivated and in good bearing.

Nova Scotia proper is a peninsula, attached on its north-west extremity to the Province of New Brunswick, and almost surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Fundy. On the north the Straits of Northumberland separate it from Prince Edward's Island; north-west the Bay of Fundy lies between it and the mainland, and on the north-east the Strait of Canseau, about a mile wide, separates it from the Island of Cape Breton, which, politically, forms part of the Province of Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton, extends from $43\frac{1}{2}$ to 47 degrees in north latitude, and from 60 to 66 degrees west longitude, and is about three hundred and fifty miles long, from east to west, and about eighty broad.

In the Bay of Fundy the tides have a rise and fall of seventy feet at "spring tides," and pass through the "Gut" at the contraction