



FIG. 2025. W. C. ARCHIBALD.

his success in fruit growing, having transformed a piece of unimproved land into the well known Earncliffe fruit gardens. He has been foremost in trying plum growing for profit, and has proved that this fruit is more successful even than the apple in Nova Scotia. Last season he marketed 50,000 lbs. of plums off twelve acres of a plum orchard. Peaches, pears, cherries, quinces, etc., have been grown by him on the same land between his apples and plums.

Mr. Ralph S. Eaton made a vigorous and eloquent speech in favor of a union of the Agriculture School, at Truro, and the School of Horticulture, at Wolfville, into one first-class Agricultural College for the maritime provinces.

Mr. Peter Innes introduced a resolution for better ocean transportation of apples, seeking the appointment of a commission that would look into present abuses in this trade and see that they were corrected.

The same gentleman also introduced a resolution looking to an improvement in

railway freight classification which reads as follows :

Whereas the freight classification of apples by the railways of Canada was fixed at a time when the production was small and prices high, and—

Whereas since that time production has enormously increased while prices have been continuously falling, and

Whereas in Western Nova Scotia apple growing has become a great staple industry, averaging 500,000 barrels a year, and

Whereas the said classification has to be submitted to and approved by the Governor-in-Council ;

Therefore resolved, That this association, recognizing that the present classification does not meet with the altered circumstances, and is oppressive to the apple growers and shippers of this province, do respectfully memorialize the Governor-in-Council to take the subject into early and favorable consideration, it being suggested that in the view of this association apples should be placed at least on an equal footing with flour.

The Standard apple barrel was also mentioned by Mr. Innes and the following extract from the amended Weights and Measures Act was given :

Chap. 37, 1900—An act to amend the Weights and Measures Act. Assented to 7th July, 1900.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. The section substituted by section 2 of chapter 28 of the statutes of 1899, for section 18 of the Weights and Measures Act, chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes, is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor :

18. All apples packed in Canada for export for sale by the barrel in closed barrels shall be packed in good and strong barrels of seasoned wood, having dimensions not less than the following, namely ; twenty-six inches and one-fourth between the heads, inside measure, and a head diameter of seventeen inches, and a middle diameter of eighteen inches and one-half, representing as near as possible ninety-six quarts.

2. When apples, pears or quinces are sold by the barrel as a measure of capacity, such barrel shall not be of lesser dimensions than those specified in this section.

Another clause provides for a penalty of 25 cents a barrel for breaking this law.

Of the English apple markets, Mr. J. H. Burgess of Canniny spoke as follows :

While in England this season I made inquiry as to the prospect for disposing of evaporated and canned apples, and found there was an unlimited demand for this product. I interviewed a number of firms dealing in these goods, and found them ready to do business. They like canned apples, as in this form they are always ready for use. The