

Apples are also grown in many other parts of New Brunswick. In Prince Edward Island some very excellent apples are grown ; some pears, and a number of very fine sorts of small fruits. Many sorts of grapes are being tested, and there is a growing interest among the people in fruit production.

In Nova Scotia you have some of the finest apple orchards in the Dominion ; indeed, I know of no locality where trees bear so abundantly and continuously, as in your own favored Annapolis Valley, and I am convinced that you owe much of the success which has been achieved here to the efforts of your Fruit Growers' Association. Through the agency of this organization, wisely aided by your Local Government, much useful information has been disseminated as to the best and most profitable varieties to cultivate, and excellent markets found for your surplus. Apple production in this beautiful valley might be increased to any reasonable extent with profit. Pears also, and cherries might be made a profitable industry. The Bear River district is noted for its Cherry orchards, and I see no reason why the cultivation of this valuable fruit might not be indefinitely increased in your favored Province. Plums, I am told, grow well here, and not only in this valley, but in many other parts of Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton. With increased push and enterprise, there is a great future for Nova Scotia in this respect, and the success you have reached is only a foretaste of that which awaits you.

I wish to say a word or two as to how it is proposed that the *Experimental Farms* of the Dominion shall aid in stimulating fruit culture. In addition to the central experimental farm, the site of which has already been secured, it is as you are aware, the intention of the Government to establish one of these farms in the Maritime Provinces, one in Manitoba, one in the North-west Territories, and one in British Columbia. At these farms all the standard varieties of fruits of which there is any probability of success will be tested, also promising seedling, sorts, hardy varieties from foreign countries will also be introduced for the especial benefit of the colder sections of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and the North-west Territories. Efforts will also be made to originate new varieties by selection and cross fertilization. Already some 200 varieties of hardy sorts have been obtained, chiefly of Russian and northern European origin, and