

dustry increases we must find new markets and keep our fruit before the world in every large exposition; and we must make a good exhibit in London this year and in Paris in 1900. Our exhibit in Berlin in 1896 first introduced Canadian apples there, and \$6 and \$7 per barrel clear has been received for consignments of Canadian apples there this year.

At the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax last year we had over one thousand plates, and twenty barrels of superior apples, and the county exhibits were represented by ten counties. When it is known that every county is entitled to draw \$20 and \$10, it is surprising that every county is not represented there. As very little commercial value can be obtained from a local exhibit we have discontinued the grant for artistic exhibits and added the amount to county prizes, etc.

SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE.

As a detailed report of this school will be made by the chairman, I need only refer to it as being very successfully conducted by Professor Sears with about 65 students in attendance, representing nearly every county in the Province, and its influence in promoting the successful prosecution of the valuable industry of fruit culture is being realized all over the Province, and in no other department of educational work is \$2,000 as profitably and practically expended as in this school and the lecture course of Professor Sears throughout the Province, and we hope the Nova Scotia government will see the importance of employing Professor Sears to lecture and teach in every county during the summer months. A few hours teaching the practical points of fruit growing in our public schools by such a competent professor would be of great value to the Province.

SIZE OF BARREL.

The National Shippers' Association of America have adopted the following sized barrel for apples in America and have resolved not to buy or ship apples in any other sized barrel, and the sooner Nova Scotia fruit growers adopt the same size the more profitable will their business become. Head 17 1-8 inches; staves, between crozen, 28 1-2; bilge, 64 inches, outside.