

still further improve. Our fruit work I think is just beginning to open up. The possibilities of the fruit growers in the Province of Ontario are something beyond our present calculation. It simply depends upon the demand elsewhere and the providing of facilities for transporting our fruits to the markets of the world. You are located here, I suppose, in one of the very finest apple growing sections in the Province of Ontario. You have only to go into a storage warehouse here and examine the fruit, and if you have never seen first-class apples before you will be able to see them here. This northern section along the shores of Lake Ontario, from Kingston on the east to the head of the lake, is probably one of the best apple growing sections on the North American continent for certain varieties. There are other sections, the north shore of Lake Erie, the east shore of Lake Huron and the south shore of the Georgian Bay, around Lake Simcoe and part of the Ottawa Valley and the St. Lawrence, which are also remarkably adapted for other varieties of apples, but here we have along this north shore a section that is not surpassed any where in Canada for the growing of certain varieties of apples and pears. They have not gone into the business of growing peaches for the reason than they can grow apples here and sell them and buy better peaches than can be grown in the west.

Just put it in this form, supposing we were able to send our peaches and our grapes to the Old Country market, you go to the market in the Old Country and ask for a peach and when you are asked a shilling or perhaps a shilling and a half or two shillings in certain seasons of the year for a peach, you think at home you could have got a whole basket for that, and the question comes to your

mind, there is something wrong. If they can get that high price what a wonderful development of fruit growing wealth there would be if we could only bridge over that chasm, so to speak, between the cheap fruit at home and the Old Land. These problems are being gradually worked out so that our fruit growing industry may be developed ten fold to what it is to-day. Right along with that industry it seems to me comes the development of our honey industry. You have been told that in the Old Country and elsewhere in Canada there is an unlimited market for honey of the right quality. I suppose that is a truism. There is always an unlimited market for first-class goods, no matter of what nature, and the trouble always is that there is so much of a second and third rate material on the market and so little of the first-class. If the Association can do nothing else than help raise that second and third rate class up to the first class then you will be doing not a little towards developing the wealth of this country and improving the condition of the great agricultural class with which you are so intimately associated. Now, you know more about that phase of it than I do. I thought probably a few of these other points in connection with the original settlement and development and the relationship of this country where you are now located might, perhaps, add some little interest to your visit here, and you might possibly carry away with you some recollection of the old town of Trenton that might have escaped you had your attention not been called to it. You are meeting here on historic ground, and if you are ever along this way in the summer time whatever you do, do not miss taking the boat at one of these points and taking the trip down through this beautiful Bay of Quinte and I think