

hindrance to our people obtaining the best market prices is, that so many *shake the apples from the trees*, and put them in flour and meal barrels just as they fall, and without dividing them into ones and twos. In fact, I have bought some that had the leaves and dirt raked together and put in the centre of the barrels. The day is at hand when the folly of such work will be fully seen, and more care will be taken with the trees and the package of fruit, with a larger pecuniary result.

If a Society or Association could be formed, in this County, and winter meetings with lectures held, or if some first class man were employed who has made the culture of fruit trees a study, a very great improvement might be made. Most of the fruit grown here is soft fruit—there is not enough of hard fruit. I have endeavored to get a collection for the winter exhibition of the F. G. A. at Halifax, which I regret I cannot attend. All that can now be had are mostly seedlings, and *Small Baldwins*, with a few *Russets*, &c. I trust I shall be able some day to attend the F. G. A. meetings. We hope for the completion of the railway, and consequent facilities for the proper moving of people and fruit, the want of which is so serious an interference with what we would like to do. I find that small fruits grow well with us. Grapes are among the number, though sometimes destroyed by early frost. I have had on my grounds Concord Grapes, weighing per bunch three quarters of a pound. The Burnett Grape, named after Dr. Burnett, Pictou, late President F. G. A. of Ontario, which I received from that Association, has done well under fair culture, and given good sweet fruit. I have now planted over forty grape vines, with about ten different varieties. Only a few kinds are yet bearing. There are localities in this county where grapes can be grown with shelter from wind and storm and escape injury from frost. It will pay to raise grapes, as they will grow where nothing else can be grown to much advantage, and they can be sold readily for at least ten cents per pound. I have sold them for ten cents per bunch of fair size, not a half pound. There is less trouble to sell grapes than to raise them.

It seems a difficult matter to bring plums to maturity, so many trees are killed by black knot. The bark louse is a great enemy to apple trees. A coat of oil will cure them for some years,