

not wonderful therefore, that at Senator Ferguson's suggestion the Fruit Growers' Association, backed by the local Government, asked the Minister of Agriculture to place on the Professor's already well burdened shoulders, the development of fruit culture in the "Garden Province." Luckily the kindly feelings which Islanders entertain for Professor Robertson are reciprocated to the full, and hence he took to the new work with that earnestness and industry—which are characteristic of the man and can only enter where such occupations are a labor of love. "Prince Edward Island can grow excellent fruit," said Professor Robertson; "we must only fit up the old orchards, plant out judiciously the new, teach the people to graft, spray, and prune the trees they have and pack and ship properly the fruit, and, as with the cheese factories, so with the orcharding, this interest will go ahead with leaps and bounds."

The Minister of Agriculture convinced that the Federal Government ought to do something for Prince Edward Island on the lines suggested by Professor Robertson and backed by all her representatives in the House and Senate, began to cast about for an ef-

ficient orchardist. There was little time to waste as grafting time was on, so luckily a well recommended Nova Scotian, named George Kinsman, was secured to take charge of this important work. Mr. Kinsman was summoned to Ottawa for instructions, and the most improved outfit left the Capital on the 10th of May and is now hard at work in Prince Edward Island, where the Fruit Growers' Association had already a programme of operations cut and dried. He will have several young men with him, it is to be hoped, and as the Island province is small, compromising only three counties, he will be able to get a goodly number of old orchards top-grafted, and give valuable instruction in spraying at once. The value of spraying will be demonstrated on the lines followed in Ontario and everything done to initiate the keen Islanders into scientific methods of orcharding without delay. The work will be invaluable and Prince Edward Island has already great reason to thank heaven for a live Fruit Growers' Association.

P. E. BURKE,

*Alberton, P.E.I.*

## TOMATO PULP WANTED IN ENGLAND.

**E**NQUIRIES have been received in Canada from a house in England for large quantities of tomato pulp.

The pulp must be put up in sealed tins, and must be free from acids or preservatives of any kind.

Any information sent to this office will be forwarded to destination.

This may open up new possibilities for the tomato industry. To what extent can only be ascertained by actual experiment. It is to be hoped that persons will be found sufficiently enter-

prising to interest themselves in a practical way in the matter.

Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Australia, in his last report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, pointed out that there was a maker of sauce in Australia who wanted tomato pulp, for which he was willing to pay \$50 per ton. "At that figure," says Mr. Larke, "British Columbia ought to be able to supply the article, though the freight might make it impossible to bring it from Ontario." —The Canadian Grocer.