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and during the first few years I was well pleased with its development, and I received great results. Last summer I drove over the farm and had an interesting and illuminating talk with a young man well acquainted with the institution. I was greatly surprised and disappointed at what I saw and heard, for the institution on which I had expected so much, had largely failed. The buildings, orchards and gardens, compared with the prosperous farms of the neighborhood, presented an untidy appearance. Cover crops that were intended to be turned under in the early spring were being ploughed under late in June. Experiments that had been started in previous years had been discontinued, and there seemed to be no well defined program for the future.

It should be understood that this criticism is directed at a condition rather than at any person or persons connected with the institution. I have great personal regard for Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, who at long distance is directing the work of the station, and who has done so much in the interest of horticulture. I agree with you that the lack of efficiency is due largely to the failure of the government to appoint a competent and experienced resident director. The Ontario government in the past has liberally supported the horticultural interests, and it is safe to assume that if the Jordan Harbor Station had produced results it would have been well supplied with funds.

AN EFFICIENT STATION NEEDED

There is a real need for an Experiment Station in the Niagara District. A province so extensive and diversified as Ontario should maintain several such stations for the purpose of studying the peculiar adaptations of the various regions. These local institutions should be more than experiment stations. They should serve the locality in various ways. Few farmers are familiar with the latest discoveries in agricultural science, and what is needed more than anything else and what may be aptly maintained in connection with each of these local experiment stations is a sort of demonstration farm where the latest and most approved practices may be exemplified.

Like many other Canadians in this country, I am proud of the progress that has been made throughout Ontario. We hear many flattering remarks about Ontario and her progressive institutions, and only those who are on the outside can fully appreciate her greatness. It is hoped, therefore, that the Ontario Government will act upon your suggestion and endeavor to bring the Jordan Harbor Station up to the standard of the other institutions and make it of value to its constituency and a credit to the province.—Yours very truly,

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The Story of the Apple

A farmer picked this apple in his orchard
in the west
And put it in a barrel with some of the
his best;
Because they were so splendid he declared
the price must climb
And so he raised his figure on that barrel
by a dime.

The man who bought that barrel stuck
label on the top,
Then told the interviewers of a shortage in
the crop;