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## NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS.

**A**T the especial request of the editor, Mr. Bigelow, the time honored president of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, has forwarded us his cut for use in our journal. We had the pleasure of an acquaintance with him at the World's Fair, in 1893, when he was in charge of Nova Scotia's fruit exhibit, and we learned to appreciate his genial manner and eminent ability.

Mr. Bigelow has done much towards the development of the fruit industry of Nova Scotia, both by example and by precept. Ever since 1890 he has deservedly held the position of president. Through his efforts an excellent School of Horticulture has been established at Wolfville, and efforts are being made to introduce into the legislature a scheme for the establishment of a model orchard of six acres in extent, in every county of the province. This is somewhat after the scheme of our fruit experiment stations, only a little more ambitious, for a model orchard is not easy to make, and its name would bring plenty of criticism.

In Mr. Bigelow's annual address before the association at Halifax, on Wednesday

evening, Feb. 13th, he drew attention to the excellent provincial exhibit made at Paris, and regretted that no steps had been taken for a display of Nova Scotia fruit at the Pan American; and, referring to the value of her fruit crop, he gave the following as an approximate estimate of the same :

Annual value of fruit crop, average about.....	\$1,000,000
Net receipts for apples sold in Great Britain, 1899 crop .....	800,000
Net receipts for apples sold in Great Britain, 1900 crop.....	200,000
Value of orchards now bearing, 9,000 acres, at \$500 per acre.....	4,500,000
Annual additional value to permanent wealth of province, by young orchards, 5,000 acres at \$200 per acre.....	1,000,000
Number of men employed in fruit culture, 7,000.	
Number of men employed in barrel and box factories, nurseries, fertilizers and other industries required by fruit culture, 4,000.	
Freight paid for fruits, railroads.. ..	60,000
Freight paid steamboats for do. ....	200,000

The report of the N.S. School of Horticulture was presented to the association by Mr. W. C. Archibald, of Wolfville, chairman of the Board of Control. Mr. Archibald lives at Wolfville, and has made himself widely known throughout the province, for