

There also seemed less insect depredation on fruits to contend with this year than usual. May we hope that this was owing to the greater care taken by farmers generally in destroying them in the previous years, thus giving us greater encouragement to persevere in their destruction, and to make the effort general all through the Province until we shall have stamped out those insect pests and have got them under control.

The strawberry crop, which is rapidly becoming of great importance in this valley, was of full average in quantity and the quality superior. Growers do not as formerly confine themselves to one sort, the *Old Wilson*, for many of the new sorts are being tried and grown quite extensively and profitably, and by their better quality raising the character of our fruit in the markets.

Currants, Gooseberries and Raspberries gave full crops and markets were found for all offered, at fair rates of remuneration for the grower.

Cherries were a large crop with less injury from curculio than usual. This fine fruit is too much neglected by growers generally, *i. e.* there are not enough trees planted to supply the demands, which are threefold, first the birds, second the family, and third the market. The first is a tax we cannot evade, and must therefore prepare to supply, the second, will be supplied as long as there is any fruit—consequently there is but few left for the markets,—therefore plant more trees—they are as sure a crop as any other fruit we grow.

Peaches have been planted quite extensively *on trial* during the last few years, and this year the crop has been very satisfactory. In Wolfville, several instances are reported of young trees so heavily laden as to require support, ripening from $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel to $1\frac{1}{4}$ bushels per tree. From Kentville and from several places in Cornwallis are reports of heavy crops of good quality. The main thing is to get early and hardy sorts.

Plums.—Although the past season was reported an off year for plums, the markets seemed to be fairly well supplied, and the crop on the whole turned out much larger than was anticipated in early part of season. In Wolfville some of the growers report very large crops.

Pears were a full crop in most instances, and the quality good; the prices may not have ruled quite as high as usual, on account of the great influx of this fruit from Boston. The pear crop of Massachusetts this year was something enormous, and their surplus stock as usual

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