

merely touched upon in this article should be fully discussed by those immediately interested, namely, the Fruit Growers of Nova Scotia; and I would venture to suggest that this matter might with much propriety be taken up by the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association.

In that event, the Secretary could at once correspond with the Council of the Association, and other leading persons in the different sections of the Province, with a view of assembling, in some central place, say Wolfville, at an early day, a Convention of the Fruit Growers throughout the Annapolis Valley, at least, and, if practicable, throughout the Province, inviting at the same time all public spirited and patriotic individuals from all parts of the country, to take part in the proceedings of the occasion.

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## PLUM CULTURE.

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**PLUMS.**—This species of fruit is contemporary with the early settlement of the Province,—some varieties of long standing, "Old Settlers," as they are styled, bear indications of French descent,—periodically new kinds have been imported which, with native seedlings, have increased our list to respectable proportions. The catalogue embraces many choice sorts, and some of marked excellence. We have varieties now that, with care and attention, can be successfully propagated in various soils and localities.

The Plum crop of 1874, was a partial failure,—this was predicted by some Fruit Growers from the circumstance of the over-bearing of trees the three preceding years. Early in the season, and during the period of bloom the aspect was favourable, but the remarkable atmospheric depression that prevailed throughout the month of June, proved fatal to all trees exposed to its blighting influence. In sheltered nooks, thoroughly protected, the yield was good and Fruit of superior excellence. An investigation of attending circumstances of success and failure in different situations might elicit information that, in the future, would be advantageous. It is evident that soil, situation, and mode of management, are concomitants on Plum culture, and unless they