

on all over the Province. Fifteen years more will bring us to the end of the century. Will the acreage be doubled again in that time? I think so; for the apple crop to-day pays better than any other grown in the Province.

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#### FRUIT GROWING IN ANNAPOLIS—ITS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE DESCRIBED.

PARADISE, *December 25*.—Apples are universally used in temperate climates and have been from the earliest times. There is a tradition that old mother Eve took one without leave and contrary to orders; perhaps that is the reason why apples set the teeth of her descendants on edge. If this supposition is correct we have been pretty well punished for her surreptitious enjoyment of that first apple. Mythology is full of allusions to the apple. Loki, the evil spirit of northern mythology, deprived the gods of the apple, and in consequence they became old. This goes to show that the use of fruit is conducive to longevity. Some unbelieving souls may doubt this, but every loyal subject of Her Majesty in Annapolis County is a firm believer in this statement.

#### APPLES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED INTO ANNAPOLIS FROM FRANCE

about 1633. Pierre Martin, who settled at Belle Isle, in Granville, was the first to set out apple trees to any extent, and it is claimed that some of the old French trees are still living and bearing fruit. Certainly some of the pear and apple trees in that section of the county show unmistakable signs of old age. The settlers who came over from Massachusetts in 1760, and were granted lands and abandoned farms of the expelled French, extending from Moselle to Nictaux, found many apple and pear trees in the gardens where once stood the houses of the former occupants. A great impetus was then given to fruit culture. These men from Medford, Malden, Waltham, Lexington and other towns surrounding Boston, with their

#### ADVANCED IDEAS AND SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE

of farming and fruit raising and with a keen appreciation of the rich and fertile lands with which they had been possessed by the government, lands forming a marked contrast to the stony sterile fields

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