

lower depends on the strength of the demands of their complex nature. higher. The farms of our country must feed the people of the country in all The hunger for the highest is the cultivation of all blessedness.

### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

#### What Nova Scotia Farmers Could Do if They Realized Their Advantages.

B. W. Chipman, secretary of agriculture, said that his first duty, and he often had this privilege, was to apologize for the absence of the members of the government. He hoped that they would be present at the next meeting, but it being so near the opening of the legislature, doubtless they found it difficult to leave the city. When he came to Wolfville, and saw the display of fruit, and the work of the association, he could carry his memory back to the time when Kings county did not ship a barrel of apples, but he hardly dared to speak of it for fear they would ask him his age. The growth of the fruit industry in the valley had simply become marvellous, and he doubted if there was such a valley in Canada. In Berwick an orchard of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres, nine years from the seed, produced 20 barrels of apples. Another gentleman in Kentville had 23 trees planted on a half acre. In the 9th year he had 20 barrels; 11th year, 50 barrels; 13th year, 80 barrels; 15th year, 94 barrels, 80 barrels of which he shipped to the English market, and netted a cash margin of \$250, with 14 barrels of refuse left. While we have made this great

#### Progress in Fruit Culture,

we have not kept pace with the times in the other branches of agriculture. He thought it was a great pity that so many of the young people had left

this country in the past to go to the gold fields of Australia and California, seeking for riches which they perhaps had never found, when if they had stayed at home, they might have become wealthy, and been of so much importance to the country. The output from the gold mines is only \$400,000 per year; our fisheries, from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000, while our agriculture is \$15,000,000. The whole output from the mines, fisheries and forests of the Dominion is \$80,000,000, while that from agriculture of the Dominion is \$600,000,000. Let me say to the farmers of this country, that if you increase agriculture 20 per cent., you add \$3,000,000 to our provincial wealth. If you only add 10 per cent. you will add \$1,500,000 more than three times as much as all the output of our gold mines. Yet, how many men are leaving their farms. He blamed the fathers for keeping the young men delving away with old-fashioned implements, when modern implements were so much easier to work with, especially in haying, and harvesting. The work of the farmer is too hard, and a few years ago it was seldom a young man got married except on Sunday, so his wife could go to work on Monday. The premier of the province, a short time ago, was over in England, and he told him when he came home, that one of the brightest sights he had seen, was twenty young ladies in white, learning to make