

PROFESSOR SMITH.—Most farmers along the Bay of Fundy will tell you that there is nothing like marsh mud for manure, and I think its value is well illustrated by the tree in this valley.

REV. MR. HEMEON.—From enquiries I find that some say it is very good, while others say it is no good at all. I have come to the conclusion that it depends on the nature of the soil on which it is to be used, and the advantage to be obtained from it can only be discovered by individual experience.

W. H. BLANCHARD here referred to page 53 of the report of the proceedings of last year, in which this subject was mentioned.

PROFESSOR HIGGINS.—I hope that Professor Smith will get several collections of this marsh mud, both new and old, for I entertain the impression that there is a great deal of difference in its quality, and that the varieties of opinion, as to its value, arise from these differences in the mud itself.

PROFESSOR SMITH.—In sending the mud to me, gentlemen will please put it in glass bottles or tin cans, so that it will retain its moisture, as I wish to notice its physical as well as its chemical nature.

The SECRETARY.—What quantity would you require as a sample?

PROFESSOR SMITH.—About a quart.

PROFESSOR HIGGINS.—Marsh soil and marsh mud do not appear to be the same, the former is red, heavy and stiff, while the latter is quite dark, or almost black.

PROFESSOR COLDWELL.—Marsh mud is simply that washed up from the shore. At Truro it will be found much finer than it is here. The farther it is from the coast the finer it is, and that accounts for the difference between the mud at Truro and that which we see about here. It generally changes its color after being washed up.

REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The past season has been one of the most successful ever known to the fruit culturists of Nova Scotia. This may seem a bold assertion; but when we take into consideration the quantity grown, the quality of the products, and the fairly remunerative prices obtained, there can be no doubt but that the assertion is fairly proven.

Strawberries came through the winter in good condition, and gave promise of heavy crops, but the severe drought during the season of ripening, shortened the crop considerably.

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