

were used, that they were fully equal in quality to the average product of Cape Cod or New Jersey.

More bog was planted to vines last spring than any three previous years in the history of this industry; swelling the sum total for the valley to over 200 acres, representing an expenditure of at least \$20,000.

The past year's crop of cranberries in common with other fruit was very large. It may be safely estimated at 1900 barrels. Two-thirds of these were sent to Montreal. Hitherto that city has been able to take care of all our surplus at a satisfactory price. This year that market was overtaxed from the beginning with a poor quality of berries from the United States, this together with unusually large shipments for fox berries from the Newfoundland and Labrador coast, to say nothing of the low price of apples and all other kinds of fruit, has caused the sale of our berries to be slow, prices ruling lower than ever before known.

It would have been better, undoubtedly, to have sent a part of our crop in small shipments to the London market, prices there being about 25 shillings, netting something like \$4.50 per bbl. The ready sale that we have always met with for this fruit in the Upper Provinces has caused us of late to completely neglect our interests in this direction on the other side of the Atlantic, which, by the way, is *well worth* our while to develop.

Some cranberries are already used there, and it is reasonable to suppose that if through the autumn months a limited quantity were sent over, with our apples, and offered for sale, that whatever prejudice that the English people may entertain against their acid qualities, will, in time, be overcome, and they will be ready to give them a place on their bill of fare.

Up to the present time, in the history of cranberry culture, we have been remarkably free from disease and insects, that, from time to time, give the American cranberry grower more or less trouble. This season we have to report progress in this direction. During the past summer the sixteen acre bog of the Middleton Cranberry Co. was infested with what is known as the *fire worm*. The crop was destroyed, and the vines injured, to what extent I am unable to say. This pest is well known to the Cape Cod growers, and is considered a formidable evil. We can only account for its appearance