

Kindergarten or object lesson, and every child should have some special tree, plant or flower to care for. I believe this matter should receive the deepest attention, not only from all parents, but also from our educational departments and seats of learning, and I trust this Association will continue to work towards such a desirable end. I believe our common school system of studies is getting beyond the requirements of our country and its best interests, inasmuch as it is calculated to induce our young men and women to leave the field and orchard and seek some profession or other calling in life. Agriculture and its sister horticulture demand the brightest and best of our sons and daughters, and the best interests of our country demands their study and labour too. If an interest in these studies were created in schools I believe ere long we could find a more general desire, and a more intelligent desire in the rising generation to excel in these sciences. Such a study would tend to make better men and women of our children. Lead a boy to take an interest in the cultivation of some tree, plant or flower and you make an impression upon his young mind that will deepen with age; it will have an elevating tendency in his nature, a refining influence on his character that will, as he grows older, lead those he comes in contact with, to point up to him as one of "nature's noblemen." Under the influence of such studies we would have fewer criminals and a more prosperous as well as a better and happier people.

Since our last annual meeting it has been my pleasant lot to assist in representing Canada at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, England, in the interests of fruit growers and shippers. As you are already well acquainted with the nature and extent of our fruit display on that occasion, it is not necessary to enlarge upon that. Suffice it to say that it was at once the largest and finest display of fruits ever seen, not only in Britain, but in all Europe. Our Dominion Government could not have done anything to so thoroughly correct the erroneous impressions of our country held by the people generally in the old world as by placing before them to see, feel and taste the luscious fruits of our orchards, gardens and vineyards. That exhibit did more for our country than all the literature and emigration agents could have accomplished in a quarter of a century. Our fruits told dwellers in Britain of a climate far superior to anything they had given Canada credit for, and the variations of that climate stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Some years ago I made the statement at one of our meetings that I believed we could grow the finest apples in the world. My experience in Britain's markets, where I met apples from almost all other fruit growing countries, has confirmed the impression. We have struck the happy medium in climate and soil in order to produce apples of the highest degree of excellence in flavour, form and colour.

Our apples have taken the British buyers by storm, and consumers there will not purchase any others so long as they can obtain a suitable article from us. Britain wants the best, and the best only. There is no better market for a choice article, and I do not know so poor a market for an inferior article. Canada has gained a good name for generally honest culling and packing, and it is absolutely necessary that we do not allow a spot to tarnish our character. I wish my words could reach the ears of every orchardist as well as shippers in our fair country. I would entreat of them, not only for their own best interests, but also for the sake of the fair fame of our country, to exercise the greatest

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