

Annapolis Valley East, N. S.

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In Nova Scotia, the brown-tail moth seems to be gaining headway; from Digby and Annapolis come reports of infested orchards; on one tree 83 nests were found, containing about three hundred insects each. At Port Williams and Welsford other nests have been found, but the department of agriculture is taking active steps to suppress the moth, and wish to have all cases reported to them. Doctor Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, is assisting in the provinces' campaign against the pest.

The call for fruit trees is greater than ever, and the local supply is not equal to the demand; consequently, large quantities of nursery stock are being imported. Orchards are being extended with amazing rapidity. Nova Scotian missionaries are preaching fruit growing and agriculture on the other side of the Atlantic, and the result is that well-to-do immigrants are buying good farms in the valley.

So far, spring has been exceptionally early and peas were planted in the middle of March, while potatoes went in at the beginning of April.

Work on the new railway through the northern part of the Annapolis Valley has begun and the value of farms in Kings County will naturally increase.

Arrangements have been made for the Hants, Kings, and Annapolis Exhibition to take place at Windsor on October 5, 6 and 7, 1910.

Under the auspices of the King's County Farmers' Association, Mr. W. H. Woodworth, assisted by Mr. McRae of Ottawa, have been touring the country in the interests of better agriculture. Mr. Woodworth usually spoke upon fruit growing, general orcharding and commercial fertilizers. At Berwick the afternoon and evening meetings were well attended. At the latter meeting the Berwick Brass Band kindly furnished music, and Miss Eunice Watts gave an address on "Dwarf Fruit Trees." Mr. McRae, who has travelled extensively, said that Nova Scotians did not appreciate their own country enough and that they got their living too easily; and, comparing the fruit farms of the Annapolis Valley with those celebrated fruit regions in the west, he could not see where the westerner had any advantage over the Nova Scotian. If the real estate men would write up our province as they did those of the west, we would not know our own farms.

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E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector

While attending orchard meetings in the county of Huntingdon, Que., for one week last month, many things struck me while driving from one township to another as being of great importance. First, to know to what extent maple sugar and syrup are made. One said he made 700 gallons in one season. It is quite a common thing for one person to tap from 2000 to 3000 trees. These trees are of the largest and healthiest type. One firm had his posters all over the country wanting to buy 60,000 gallons of pure maple syrup. I think it was available at around 80 cents a gallon.

Apple orchards you would see planted among the rocks and at a glance you would think it all rock. One would wonder where the trees could get rooted. Some have thrown wagon loads of earth among the rocks so as to be able to plant their trees which have done well, bearing heavy crops. One farm, I am told, has seven miles of stone fence. I saw several miles from the main road. Wherever soil is found between these rocks it is of good quality and pro-

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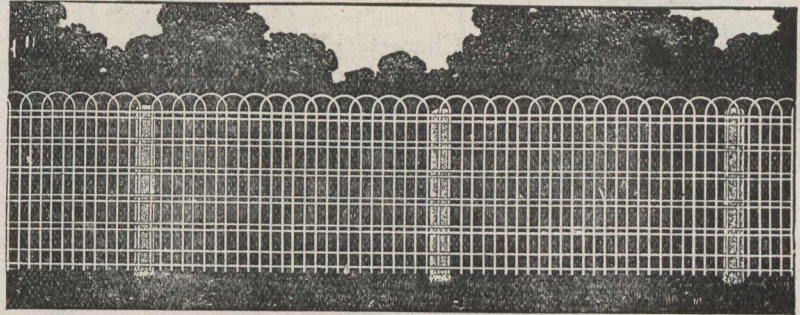
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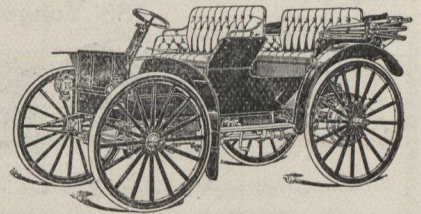
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