

APPENDIX B.

SKETCH OF THE ASSOCIATION BY SECRETARY.

This being the first official report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Prince Edward Island, it seemed to me that it would be incomplete without a brief sketch of the organization and subsequent annual meetings of the Association, reports of which have not been published officially. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of supplying this information for two reasons. 1. I consider it important that a record of those meetings should be placed within easy reach of those who, in after years, will have charge of this Association, and might wish to know who was instrumental in starting it. 2. Because I have this information at my hand and can supply it briefly without great inconvenience.

Shortly after his appointment to the Gubernatorial chair of this Province, in 1894, His Honor Lieutenant Governor Howlan endeavored on every suitable occasion to impress upon the Government and people of the Province the advisability of taking up horticulture, with a view to shipping our apples to the British Market. He gave the subject careful study, and arrived at the conclusion that horticulture could be made one of the most profitable industries in the Province. But his advocacy of the enterprise was checked for a time by the fact that our own market was supplied by the orchardists of Nova Scotia, while scarcely any person could be induced to purchase our own apples. This did not deter His Honor, however; in fact it only made him more determined to accomplish his object, as the following reply to a letter written by him shows clearly:

Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Jan. 6, 1896.

*Hon. G. W. Howlan, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown,
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Dear Mr. Howlan:—Knowing the great interest you take in all matters pertaining to the Island, and especially to the advancement of Fruit Culture, I beg to advise you that, under instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, I have arranged for a series of meetings to be held in Prince Edward Island, for the discussion of this subject, and am arranging for our horticulturist, Mr. Craig, to attend and give addresses on these occasions. A meeting will be held at Charlottetown, on Tuesday Jan. 26th, at 2 p. m.; one at Cardigan, on Wednesday the 29th, at 2 p. m.; one at Alberton, on Friday the 31st, at 2 p. m.; one at Summerside, on Saturday Feb. 1st, at 2 p. m. Mr. Craig will be prepared to discuss fruit matters generally, with the people, and I hope his visit will result in stimulating the fruit industry throughout the Island.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM SAUNDERS, Director.

At those meetings, several of which were presided over by His Honor, delegates were appointed to meet in Charlottetown and organize a Fruit Growers' Association. Those delegates met accordingly on the 30th March, 1896, and

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