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**THE FRUIT SITUATION IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Exhaustive review of the progress made during the past year. Annual report of Rev. A. E. Burke, President of Fruit Growers' Association

Gentlemen of the Fruit Growers' Association of Prince Edward Island:—Your Honor, Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen. Peculiar circumstances over which we have not thought it necessary to exercise any adverse control, have conspired in the assembling of this Association twice within the calendar year, for the dispatch of business and the consulting together of the membership and those officially accredited to us as horticultural teachers and directors for the common weal. The other associations of Canada have chosen the end rather than the beginning of the year for their annual meetings, as a more satisfactory time for closing accounts and as a more convenient moment to assemble for instruction and counsel taking, those directly concerned in fruit growing or manifesting with it sympathy and affording to it support.

Ontario and Nova Scotia the two oldest organizations of the kind in Canada, have already held their annual gatherings and we think that no mistake has been made in this Province, where February and March weather is exceedingly treacherous, in calling together our Fruit Growers before the festive season, when one thing or another makes a visit to the city necessary, and when the roads are more likely to be in a condition for travel. The change too, has been influenced largely by the fact that the good gentlemen from abroad whose services we value so highly, are better able to reach us now and share with us the treasures of scientific information, which their great opportunities for learning have enabled them to lay up in the common interests.

Last year from this rostrum I said that the Association was never in a healthier condition nor ever face to face with greater possibilities for the ultimate success of the important fruit industry with which so large a measure is bound up the prosperity of our native Province. I cannot do better than repeat this assertion as the proper interpretation of our position to day. It was true then, it is true now.

With remarkable rapidity, a rapidity which has certainly amazed our neighbors, have we emerged from a non-producing province in the matter of fruit to a position where our first care must certainly be to see to it carefully that the very considerable production of our orchards be not for want of organizations attended by returns which will to some adequate degree repay the investments so hopefully made. This year has seen a good crop of fruit—not an over abundant one, but still a good one, and in many cases the plant has reached us that profitable markets for it could not be secured, indeed in some instances much of it had to be unduly sacrificed. To such an extent have our apprehensions of this subject been verified that I must repeat to you the very words used in my last year's message:

"In all probability we shall have an abundant crop of fruit next autumn and the newness of the industry, and the fact that our planters in general have unwisely permitted the glib agent to impose upon them about every kind of tree in the catalogue, will make it difficult to secure the best prices for fruit raised up in many varieties, either in the orchard or on the market, which could quantity of any one standard sort. This association has been advising the planting of blocks of one or two commercial varieties; it has, where at all practicable, counselled the top grafting of undesirable sorts to some standard one, so as to overcome the defect of heterogeneity as quickly as possible, and

this is not all; it shall now have to urge co-operation in shipment as the necessity of the hour. As our dairymen are obliged to patronize the factory so that a uniform and commercially acceptable quality of cheese may be made, and thus the best price procured, so small apple growers shall be obliged for the same purpose to contribute the product of their mixed orchards to the co-operative station where the different kinds of apples may be properly selected and packed and the foreign market tempted with some show of success. Even the older and more extensively planted regions of America find this system the only practicable one in the present circumstances. The rising generation will come to regard the fruit station with the same complacency as this does the cheese factory."

In connection with this instant demand a committee was formed to draw up some scheme whereby this necessary co-operation could be effected. It was too much to expect that it should have done more than report, and this report has now been presented to you. I am strongly of the opinion that no unnecessary delay should attend this matter. We have found out that good fruit can be grown here; we have infused enthusiasm into the farmers of the country on the question; we have caused them to plant out selected varieties; we have excited their cupidity, if we may so speak, as to the money there is in it; and they are anxious, and rightly so, to make fruit growing a paying adjunct to farming. Now, then, with the apples to sell we can do nothing but arouse their dissatisfaction and distrust if some means be not immediately devised whereby a profitable sale of such good fruit as they can grow may be effected. If this be not done the result will certainly prove disastrous to a nascent industry, and one which properly directed, means more, I honestly believe to this Province than anything else.

But it is not an easy matter in our circumstances, to put the commercial side of our fruit growing on a stable basis. Our orchards are smaller and more mixed than those of any other country; our people have not yet learned all that is necessary in tending, feeding, spraying and protecting the trees; they know little or nothing of the proper picking, grading, packing and shipping of fruit, even if it were always of such a quality as might command a good price. That we can grow good fruit is assured; that we are more advantageously situated with regard to the British market than any Canadian competitor goes without saying; that the quality of our product will resist the difficulties of transit is also easily demonstrable, but that we have no real commercial organization of standing for the preparing of the fruit for the local market either in the natural state, canned or evaporated; and no proper packing houses for the foreign trade, even this year's operating have been made painfully evident.

Some may say that when we get great blocks of individual sorts, which will pay, the apple prospectors will come hither and operate to our advantage. I think that even if this were the light of such people it would not be wise for us to bide the time, and even if we were so disposed the present exigency demands such prompt treatment to save the industry that we may not speak of procrastination.

This being the case, after mature consideration I have come to the conclusion that in our peculiar circumstances, short of from anything but purely agricultural effort, the Federal Department of Agriculture of Canada should come to our aid in this matter as it did in dairying—unfortunately again lapsing and with its many aids launch a system of fruit co-operation at Charlottetown. The necessary buildings could be procured reasonably, the fruit could easily be brought in from the ends of the Island by rail, at little cost; the grading, packing, marketing and the sale at a small charge to the owner; and the refused fruit manufactured into stocks, jams, jellies, or those desiccated goods which enter so largely into consumption today.

Called in to talk over this matter vital to Island agriculture with Professor Robertson when recently here, I betray no confidence when I tell you that he was very favorably impressed with this co-operative project and willing to lend his aid in working it out successfully.

Even were it not to succeed ultimately, which no one can well foresee, the expenditure would have tended to put us on the right track commercially, and could not constitute a charge against us in any serious way; on the contrary were it to succeed as undoubtedly it would, the Department doing so much elsewhere whilst establishing another claim to our gratitude would have secured to us the advantages of another industry which must ultimately repay itself over and over in the general prosperity.

It is necessary to bring this and other important matters to the notice of the governing powers in a forcible way, and a resolution on co-operation will therefore come before you.

The fruit markets of the Continent and Great Britain have not manifested the activity this year which makes for favorable prices to the producer. While this is ascribed by many to over production it was certainly safer to say that this period of depression was brought about by unequal distribution. The United States, Ontario and Prince Edward Island have

had fair crops of apples, but not the large productions of other years; there has been an average crop in the British Isles this year. The trade condition in the Motherland has not been so favorable as for some years past and consumption, as a consequence, has somewhat fallen off; or rather the prices for fruit have fallen off under the glutted condition of the markets; but the common varieties have now almost disappeared and with any improvement in trade good prices must be obtained by those who are now sending forward their shipments of late keepers.

We are under disadvantages in this regulation of shipment. We must either forward our fruit in a bulk body in the Fall or await the milder Spring weather for shipment, and this can only be done with the late-keeping varieties. A system of cold storage which is germane to the co-operation idea would make it possible for us to hold over even the comparatively tender sorts and thus keep the market for the most advantageous sales. Some system of shipping consonant with our insular condition must be devised to secure to our fruit men all the advantages others enjoy.

Whilst the efforts of the Association have secured some very useful concessions from the carrying concerns of the country, railway rates and accommodations require to be considerably improved and the Association must do its part in bringing about such further results as will give our growers the Maritime markets or territories will permit of reasonable profit. The Express rates particularly are unduly high and you shall be asked to petition the Government to place those companies under the control of the Railway Commission so that just grievances may be heard and redressed. The combination or commission then, whether at home or in Britain to deprive the producer of his own, rumours of which have lately gone the rounds of the press should engage the attention of the fruit division of the country and such measures be set on foot as to protect, in so far as possible, the trade from designing speculators, by effective legislation at home and the careful examination and exposure of their methods abroad.

During the past year Professor Robertson has continued to use the services of the Dominion Fruit Instructors, who have held meetings over the Province which were undoubtedly the most successful gatherings of the kind we have ever so far experienced. The present head of the Fruit Division, Mr. A. McNeill—thoroughly practical and enthusiastic horticulturist—together with our own excellent instructor, Mr. Richard Burke, established a number of stations in the different sections, where demonstrations were made to

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