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Queen's cloth with torchon lace and insertion and baby ribbon, price.....\$1.50

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Good quality, white cotton, tucked yoke, trimmed with torchon edging, price.....59c

Fine cotton, empire style, yoke and revers of embroidery, white lawn frills and galeon finish, price.....95c

Queen's cloth, empire style, frills on neck and sleeves, edged with embroidery and galeon finish, price.....\$1.35

Fine lonsdale, empire style, finely tucked yoke, deep frills of embroidery, price.....\$2.25

Extra fine lonsdale, wide sailor collar, trimmed with insertion with wide frills of Hamburg, price.....\$3.50

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Good cotton, wide hems, with three rows of tucking, price.....45c

Fine cotton, deep frills of embroidery, five rows of tucking, price.....90c

Fine English Cotton, deep frills of embroidery, six rows of tucking, price.....\$1.15

Extra fine cotton, with three tucks and frills of torchon lace, price.....\$1.55

Queen's cloth with deep frill of name, insertion setting, deep frill of embroidery on bottom, finished with feather galeon, price.....\$2.10

Queen's cloth, three rows of tucking, deep, frill of embroidery, finished with feather galeon, price.....\$2.25

DRAWERS.

Drawers with frill of lace, price 25c

Fine cotton, three tucks, frill of embroidery, closed, price 45c

Fine cotton, three tucks, frill of embroidery, finished with feather galeon, closed, price 45c

Fine cotton, 2 rows of tucking and embroidery frills with feather galeon, closed, price 55c

Extra cotton, 5 tucks with frill of cotton and lace insertion, finished with feather galeon, price 58c

Extra fine cotton, five tucks and embroidery frills, finished with feather galeon, price 75c

Queen's cloth, 5 rows of tucking deep frill of torchon lace, finished with feather galeon, price 85c

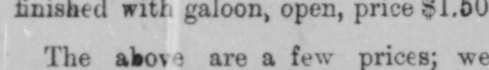
Queen's cloth, three rows of tucking embroidery insertion with frills of embroidery, price \$1.15

Queen's cloth, two rows of tucking torchon insertion, frills of torchon lace finished with galeon, open, price \$1.50

The above are a few prices; we have every price notch between.

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We anticipate a visit from you.



FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting - Great Enthusiasm.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers Association of P. E. Island was opened yesterday forenoon in the Benevolent Irish Society's Hall, the President H. A. Stewart, Esq., in the chair. Among those present were His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McIntyre, Hon. Senator Ferguson, Father Burke, Rev. Dr. Chaisson, Messrs Joseph Wise, M. L. A., John T. Weeks, Alberton; Archibald Ramsay, Malpeque; John Johnston, Long River; J. S. Clarke, Bay View; D. A. Sharp, Charles R. Dickie, Muddy Creek; J. H. Gill, Little York; James Tuplin, New Annan; Donald Ross, North Bedouque; Robert Carruthers, Cape Traverse; A. K. Henry, New London; D. J. Stewart, Montague; E. W. Taylor, Charlottetown; John Newson, Charlottetown; Alexander McDonald, Charlottetown; J. T. West, Charlottetown; John Robertson, Inkerman Farm; Fred Pigott, Savage Harbor; Mr. Patriquin, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; J. A. McDonald, Hermanville; Richard Bagnall, New Glasgow; C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown; George Vessey, Little Fork; R. G. Goff, Charlottetown; George Goff, Cardigan besides many others.

After the appointment of committees, etc., an address was presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, congratulating him on his appointment and expressing the hope that he would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor in respect to the culture of fruit.

His Honor, in the course of an extempore reply, thanked the members of the Association for their address, and assured them that he would further their objects to the utmost of his power.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President then read his annual address as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—The swift wings of time bring us together at the fourth annual meeting of our association. We have met to take counsel upon the present condition and future prospects of the fruit growing industry of our province.

When I parted with you at the close of the annual meeting, held last March, I did not expect to stand here today to fulfil a duty imposed upon the president by the constitution, to deliver an address. The Hon. Senator Ferguson who was unanimously elected president, owing to the stress of other public business, declined to act, causing its duties to devolve upon me.

I think that a retrospective view of the progress made in horticulture during the four years of the existence of this society gives encouragement for the future. Greater interest is taken in the growing of fruit not only for the home but for the foreign market. It is true we have met with difficulties, but they are only such as are incident to a new undertaking. Even in our disappointments and difficulties, let our purpose of achieving success remain firm. Let us have strong faith in ourselves and in the possibilities of our island as a fruit-growing country. Mistakes and failures we have made, but it is often through our mistakes and failures that we learn lessons that lead to ultimate success.

The past season has been one of short fruit crops. But this should not cause discouragement. I think that there were many more apples grown than two years ago. As we plant larger areas, the effects of the off year will be less and less marked. Suitable varieties, good cultivation and proper attention given to pruning, spraying, etc., will reward the P. E. Island grower with fruit that will compare favorably with that grown by the sister provinces.

What varieties to plant is still a vexed question. At our last meeting, with the light we then had, a number were recommended as suitable for cultivation; with the light we now have, this list may be somewhat changed. An opportunity will be given at this meeting to ask questions on this or any other matter relating to fruit-growing.

I am pleased to inform you that we have with us a practical horticulturist from Nova Scotia. He has come to give information we need; and I would here say, don't be afraid to make known to him your difficulties and discouragements for he may have the panacea you need.

Last autumn, after consulting with several members of the Association, it was decided to make an exhibit of fruit at the Halifax exhibition. The Hon. Senator

Ferguson kindly consented to arrange and take charge of the exhibits, which consisted of some 26 varieties of apples and several varieties of plums. The display, which was in the form of a pyramid, was creditable to the Association and to the island growers, and attracted considerable attention. Mr. Bigelow, the superintendent of the Horticultural Department of Nova Scotia, in speaking of the exhibit, called attention to the opinion of Professor Craig by whom it was specially commended, and who was satisfied that the island should be a most successful producer of fruit for export. Professor Craig, in his address, "impressed the fact that each locality in Canada should ascertain the fruit specially adapted to it and encourage only the production of such varieties, especially in apples."

The association is under great obligations to Senator Ferguson for the loss of time and expense which he incurred in preparing and arranging the fruit. An expense of \$5.25 was incurred, which it was intended to ask the association to assume, but which has been paid by the Senator, who has refused to furnish any bill for the same, thereby aiding the funds of the association to this extent. Mention should be also made of assistance rendered by Vice-President, D. A. Sharpe, and Mr. John H. Gill, in procuring and packing the fruit here, and also of very valuable help by Mr. Jeremiah S. Clarke, in arranging the exhibit at Halifax.

The fruit sent was furnished by the following growers:—Hon. Senator Ferguson, Messrs John H. Gill, John A. Ferguson, William Miller, Augustin Mason and F. A. Pigott, in Queen's County; and by Messrs Archibald Ramsay, Norman Ramsay, J. Pickering and myself in Prince County.

When speaking of exhibitions I think it will not be out of place to bring to your notice the work undertaken by our Local Government last autumn. Mr. Jeremiah S. Clarke was intrusted to collect and prepare an exhibit for the Paris Exposition. Mr. Clarke in his report says: "The complete exhibit, when arranged in Paris, will display forty varieties of apples, one of crab apples, one of pears and two of cranberries." As fruit-growers, we should feel greatly pleased that our fruit should be exhibited at so important an exposition.

Before I close, I wish to bring to your attention another matter—the observance of Arbor Day. The honor of originating this day belongs to ex-Governor I. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, U. S. A. It is said that twelve millions of trees were planted the day on which it was first observed. The example of Nebraska was soon followed by other States and by parts of this Dominion. If the school children of our Island, assisted in the first place by their parents, would only commence the planting and care of trees, shrubs and flowers, what a change would in a few years take place in many of our school grounds! From being a thing of desolation they would become a thing of beauty. Let the beginning be made in our rural districts, one example will make many others. Washington Irving says, "There is something nobly simple and pure in a taste for trees. There is a grandeur of thought connected with this heroic line of husbandry worthy of liberal, free-born and aspiring men." I trust that the time is not far distant when every school child will be interested in a work whose influences will go on broadening and extending through all time. I leave the subject with these few thoughts: it would take a "paper" to exhaust it.

Gentlemen, I must close. We have just begun our career. What about the future? We are now on the threshold of a new century. What the coming years will bring depends upon the use we make of the resources within our reach. Our duty is to seize and apply every circumstance or opportunity that may offer to enable us to make rapid progress in the development of our fruit-growing industries. I expect success, we must work with unflinching determination.

Rev. Father Burke read the Directors' report, a lengthy document, in which the transactions of the Association were reported.

On motion of Mr. Wise, M. L. A., the report was received and adopted. Mr. Wise read the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$68.79.

PAPERS AND DISCUSSION.

Rev. Father Burke read the first paper entitled "Some Notions on Pruning." Mr. Patriquin, of the Antigonish Valley,

congratulated the Association on the enthusiasm exhibited by its members. As to the culture of fruit trees, a different treatment is required in different places. He was very much pleased with the paper read by Rev. Father Burke. In his opinion June was the best time of the year in which to prune fruit trees because the wounds will heal over more quickly at that time. But the best time for the farmer to set about the work was the time at which he had most time and a good sharp saw. Thorough pruning is important. A few years ago, he had pruned the trees on half an acre in the fall of the year. The next year the crop was not large, but the following year the half acre produced a 100 bushels. In pruning the limbs should be cut close to the tree, and as a rule they should be cut high enough to let a horse walk underneath and plough anything away from the butt of the tree. Care should be taken to cut the limb off smooth. He found it a good way to first cut the limb a short distance from the tree and then to make a second cut close to the trunk.

John Robertson (Inkerman) What aged tree is best to plant?

Mr. Patriquin—A tree three years old is a good age, but at two years it will do very well. A tree that is three or four years old and has been stunted is no good.

Senator Ferguson thought it was an excellent plan to cut the limb off a short distance from the tree and then to prune close and smooth.

Mr. McFarlane, of Montreal, said that he was interested in trees, having an orchard of one acre near Montreal, from which, in 1896, he obtained 200 barrels. Last year, the off year, he had obtained 110 barrels from the acre, 95 barrels of which had sold for \$246. Besides, he had taken off the ground two tons of hay and 30 bushels of potatoes, besides a quantity of strawberries, raspberries and other small fruits. He agreed with Father Burke and Mr. Patriquin that it was well to use the pruning knife freely. He usually got another man to do the pruning, fearing that he would not have the heart to cut away all that ought to be cut.

Mr. J. T. Weeks asked how far apart were the trees planted.

Mr. McFarlane said that the trees had been planted by his uncle just twice as thick as they ought to be. They were eighteen feet apart each way. But they are now so much grown, despite vigorous pruning, that they will have to be thinned.

Water Simpson asked what kind they were.

Mr. Anderson. Three fourths are Fameuse, the most suitable apple for that locality, and the rest were Baldwin, Golden Russets and Manns.

Mr. Patriquin said that there were in the half acre he had referred to thirty-three trees.

Senator Ferguson complimented Father Burke upon the excellence of his paper and moved that (if it should be decided to publish an extended report) it should be published therein.

Afternoon Session.

Hon. Senator Ferguson, read a paper titled "Commercial Orcharding in P. E. Island."

The President invited a discussion on "this very interesting and valuable paper."

Mr. Patriquin said that those who followed the directions and suggestions set forth in Senator Ferguson's paper would make no mistake. In his opinion the (Continued on page 5.)

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