

buys more than he can handle, and sometimes he cannot get hands enough. Some Bay of Quinte men were up in the Georgian Bay district, because they all made money last winter. They could not get enough men, and owing to the unseasonable weather after the drought the apples began to fall, and I believe fully half of the apples are windfalls, and they are stored away now for packing. How those apples will come out it will be for the future to reveal, but I think it will be a sad tale of woe this winter. In the old way of buying apples by the barrel I think there were far better apples put up. I do not see why the farmer should not sell the surplus apples to an evaporator as well as the dealers.

Mr. GRAHAM: In the Georgian Bay district the apples are nearly all bought by the packing houses. They mark on the barrel "store" on the winter apples. I saw them on a long table. They empty them out and re-pack them, and they have a paper with their name cut out, stamped on it, the full size of the end of the barrel; they put that inside the lid when they are selling, so if there is fraudulent packing done it must be in the houses.

Mr. PATTISON: Could we not get at a basis to frame some sort of Act to check this by appointing a committee of fruit growers to confer with a Parliamentary committee, so that between the two they could draw up something satisfactory. It is admitted on all hands that there is fraudulent packing, and that it is vital to the fruit trade of the country that this should be stopped.

Mr. PETTIT: I think we all admit there is a very great and growing evil in the country, this bad packing of fruit. This resolution (of June 17th) was passed by a meeting of fruit growers this last season, and I will move that this resolution be endorsed by this meeting.

Mr. MURRAY PETTIT: I beg to second this resolution. I helped to draft it, and I think that although a step in the right direction it is not half thorough enough.

Mr. MCNEILL: I quite agree with the spirit of the resolution, but one thing will have to be changed. It seems to me impossible to indicate the sizes in inches when we are talking of different varieties. What would be a splendid specimen of this apple (showing sample) at that size would not pass at all in that variety (showing another sample).

Mr. POWELL: In our country the American Apple Shipper's Association have substantially taken the same action that you are considering to-day; and to cover the point raised last they classify the apples that will cover the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, which shall be of the grade of Fameuse, McIntosh Red, and that class which are recognized as only medium apples in size, while with the larger apples they are classified as the Greenings and the Baldwins and the Kings, and the larger grade is recognized by the variety. That is very easily reached in that way. (Hear, hear).

Mr. FARWELL: I do not think that you can grade the Baldwin along with the King. Some years the Baldwins are small size, yet they are perfect, clear from scab and worms, but still a little under size. Other years they will be a little large. You will get a 3 inch King almost anywhere, while a 3 inch Baldwin is a very large one. I think it would be better to allow the dealers to put in their apples according to their own inclination, and grade them themselves, and put their name on them, and put it on the outside. I cannot conceive what good the name of a dealer is on the inside of a barrel. No one but the person that uses them see it. But it wants to be on the outside, and the grade of the apple, whatever he calls it, on the outside also. Again, you take the Golden Russet, and you will find many a barrel of fine apples that are very small, that will run down to $2\frac{1}{4}$ or $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and then you will find some other orchards that will run up to 3 inches. The inferior ones are good apples, though not worth as much as the large ones, if they are good apples, if I mark them what they are, and the dealer over there buys them according to my guarantee. I would make the shipper