

heavily this season, but, owing to the late frosts, the crop was destroyed, and, at the time we saw them, had but a few bushels on the whole lot. Your committee refrain from expressing any opinion as to the ultimate success of Mr. Anderson's venture, but trust the orchard may always continue as healthy and free from blight as it is now, and that he may reap a well deserved reward.

Your committee cannot close their report without referring to an apple puller invented by Mr. Anderson, by which the apples are picked as carefully as by the hand, without the aid of that tree destroyer, a ladder. But as Mr. Anderson intends to take out a patent for the same, we refrain from giving a description, but suffice to say we thought it the most unique and practical tool for the purpose we had seen.

All of which we respectfully submit.

CHARLES ARNOLD, } Committee.
HENRY HART, }

Paris, December 11th, 1879.