

multitude, as they treated the trees differently. He thought it necessary to have one man to experiment carefully, say on Government Farm.

Mr. Dickie believed the better way would be to have a part of Government Farm laid off and raise grafts and scatter them all over the country to enable the people to raise them in their orchards.

Mr. Robertson could not see how this could be done. It would be impossible to get men to attend to them properly.

Mr. Geo. E. Goff thought we ought to have one experimental station with one good man in charge. The Government might take hold of it.

Mr. Robertson pointed to the Government Farm being run by good men, who could not make it pay.

Mr. J. A. Ferguson did not believe in the Government conducting these industries. It would be like the Stock Farm, a white elephant on their hands. How many farmers would see a station on Government farm or send for a report. If experimental stations were in different parts of the country they would be seen by almost everybody. He believed in sending men around to graft the trees and teach the public.

Mr. Dickie thought if there was a good orchard on Government Farm it would not be run at a loss.

Mr. Simpson believed in more than one illustration station. Our farmers only want to see if orcharding will pay, then they will engage in it. They did so in the dairy business.

Mr. Boyer said if there is any one thing that makes a man ashamed of being a farmer it is this running after the Government for assistance. The farmers should be able to teach the politicians, and not be looking to them for information. Any man who goes into farming with intelligence and industry need not be looking for stations and all that humbug.

Mr. J. A. Ferguson thought it would be a long time before we could learn horticulture from Government Farm. It has not a fruit tree on it. Those present would be very little good when they would learn anything about horticulture from Government Farm.

Mr. John Robertson favored sending men around to graft.

REPORT ON BEST VARIETIES.

The Committee on Varieties recommended the following as the best apple trees to plant in this Province :—

FOR HOME MARKET.

Autumn Varieties—Gravenstein and Duchess.

Winter and late keepers—Wealthy, Baldwin and Ben Davis.

FOR EXPORT.

Alexander, Ben Davis, Wealthy, King, Golden Russet, Ribston Pippin, Non-pariel, Mann.

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