

profit. I would suggest that the directors of the Association should as far as possible name the varieties best suited to their respective districts as amendments to the report.

Mr. W. E. WELLINGTON (Toronto).—There is no doubt that what may be grown successfully by one man may be a comparative failure in the hands of another man ten or twelve miles distant. Yet, in obtaining the list I did, I felt that the representatives of the different districts were pretty well qualified to say what would succeed best in the districts they represented; and the selection sent in by me is virtually my selection formed from varieties which I concluded would succeed most generally in my district. If I were making selections for different localities within that district I would vary the list somewhat; but in making a general list of varieties which would be as a rule successful throughout a district, I think the member representing it has, to a great extent, to use his own judgment.

Mr. ALLAN.—I would name a list which I would advise for Agricultural District No. 10 section, comprising varieties which can be grown in every part of that district season after season, except perhaps a part of Grey: Yellow Transparent and Duchess of Oldenburg; Gravenstein, Pewaukee and Blenheim; Baldwin, Ontario and Golden Russett of Western New York. There is money in these varieties.

Mr. G. C. CASTON (Craighurst).—The County of Grey is peculiar in this respect, that certain varieties which will flourish in the northern part of the county are useless altogether in the southern part, a few miles distant. I think each director should have a copy of this list to look over and correct, so far as it applies to his own district, and report again at a future meeting.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—I would move that the following be added to the list for Prince Edward County: Hubbardston's Nonsuch, Ontario, Pewaukee, Ben Davis, Cranberry Pippin and Stark.

Mr. ALLAN.—I concur in that list except as to the Stark. I know it is at present a profitable apple, but the important question is, is it going to continue a profitable apple, with its poor flavor or quality? By sending out apples of that character are we not destroying the public taste of the market for good apples? People would have a very poor opinion of our apples generally if they judged them by the Stark. As a cooking apple it has a fair quality, but I question very much whether anyone would use it as an eating apple.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—Mr. Allan is quite correct. The Stark apple is not one of the best quality, but it fetches the most money. In this respect it resembles the Baldwin, which is not fit to be placed on any gentlemen's table for dessert, but at the same time it is a popular apple.

After some further discussion, it was decided, on motion of Mr. Beadle, to refer the report back to committee, with the request that after consulting with the directors they put it into shape for publication.

HORTICULTURAL INSTITUTES.

The SECRETARY read the following paper on this subject:

In these few lines I wish simply to introduce to the consideration of this Association the advisability of advocating the holding of horticultural institutes in such parts of the country as local fruit growers would particularly desire they should be held.

The idea of holding such institutes is not new; it has been tried with acknowledged success in the state of New York. In our own Association the question has often arisen "Is there not some way in which local fruit growers' associations could be formed, having a vital connection with the provincial organisation?" Frequently letters are sent in to me, as secretary, asking if there is not some provision made for local associations, and of course I have to reply in the negative.

The object of our Association is to collect and disseminate information that shall advance the science and the art of fruit culture in our province. Now we are accomplishing the first part of this end, and that very fully, as will be evident to anyone.