

Q. All over the country? A. Yes, all over the country.

Q. Do they grow alongside of streams? A. Generally alongside of streams. I remember having seen them in clumps of trees away from the streams. You find them also at Eagle Hills, that is near Battleford, away from the streams. They are very plentiful.

Q. Where there is bush of course? A. Yes, where there is bush; they do not grow singly.

Q. Have you the gooseberry there? A. Yes, in large numbers. They are small but very good—just the same as you have in most of the gardens here.

Q. Have you ever tried to transplant them? A. Yes, it has been tried and proved very successful. I have transplanted a few myself this spring. Of course I have not seen the result, but I have seen them growing elsewhere. At Qu'Appelle Mission I may mention, the Roman Catholic Mission there have their garden full of these berries grown in the country, and they grow larger—the fruit is much larger than the fruit of those you find in the fields. We have also the black wild currant and the red currant. The black currant is more plentiful than the other. Then we have the strawberry and raspberry.

*By the Honorable Mr. Carvel:*

Q. Have you grapes? A. No.

Q. Have you hops? A. Yes; we have hops in the valley in considerable quantities. They have them also to my knowledge at St. Albert, about nine miles north of Edmonton. They grow hops there at the nunnery in their garden and use nothing else in making bread but these hops that they grow themselves.

*By the Honorable Mr. Turner:*

Q. I saw very fine tobacco growing there also? A. Yes; Mr. Decazes has tried to cultivate tobacco and he exhibited some which appeared to be—I am not much a judge of the article—in good condition. Tobacco is also grown successfully at St. Albert. They have grown it for a number of years back and use it. That is the tobacco which is used at the Missions by the Brothers. I believed they have improved every year in the manufacture of it. They make a good kind of tobacco now.

*By the Honorable Mr. Girard:*

Q. Have you tried it? A. No, I have not tried it myself, but I am told that it is much stronger than the ordinary tobacco you buy.

Q. It must be known to the Indians that they are growing it? A. They only have such as the Fathers give them; they only grow it for their own use there.

Q. Amongst the fruits you mentioned some time ago was the saskatoon—is it not the same as the petite poire? A. Yes, it is just the same.

*By the Honorable Mr. McInnes:*

Q. What is the extent of country over which tobacco and hops are grown in the North-West? A. I do not know of any other persons who have been growing tobacco except the mission settled there and Mr. Decazes at Qu'Appelle. In the case of Mr. Decazes it was more an experiment than anything else. At the mission they have grown it for a number of years for their own use; they only grow a quantity sufficient for their own consumption.

*By the Honorable Mr. Carvell:*

Q. It does not grow wild, I suppose? A. No, it does not grow wild. It is not indigenous to the country.

*By the Honorable Mr. Bolduc:*

Q. Is the saskatoon of which you speak the same as the berry we have in the Province of Quebec? A. I do not know that they have the saskatoon there—at least in my time they had no such fruit that I know of.

Q. We have what is called the petite poire? A. Yes, exactly.

*By the Honorable Mr. McInnes:*

Q. Over what extent of country is the wild hop to be found there? A. The only place where I have seen it in a wild state is in the Qu'Appelle Valley. At St. Albert I have seen it in their gardens and I have been informed that they had grown it from plants found in a wild state in the vicinity, but I do not remember to have remarked