

While the exhibition of fruits is excellent so far as it goes, your Committee cannot refrain expressing their regret that the quantity shown is so small, there being only four exhibitors at this meeting, which is held right in the heart of the leading fruit-growing section of Canada.

GEO. LESLIE, JR.,
P. C. DEMPSEY,
WM. ROY,
R. P. WERDEN.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet at Sarnia, in September.

AUTUMN MEETING.

This meeting was held in the Town Hall, Sarnia, on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, 1878.

The President being absent, Mr. Chas. Arnold was chosen Chairman of the meeting. The minutes of the summer meeting were read and approved. Messrs. Ebenezer Watson, George Mill, and Townsend G. Vidal, were appointed a Committee to examine the seedling fruits exhibited; and Messrs. Joshua Adams, Hugh Smith, and Charles Duncan, a Committee to prepare a list of subjects for discussion.

While the Committee was engaged in the consideration of desirable topics for the meeting to discuss, it was suggested that the subject of pear culture and pear blight be taken up.

Mr. Mowbray had not seen pear blight, but was troubled with the frost. Soil, heavy clay; some sorts winter killed. The Flemish Beauty is the most hardy.

E. Watson succeeded in getting some fine pears, but his trees had always, sooner or later, been destroyed by blight. The frost this season has injured the fruit crop on farms away from the lake shore, but near the water the crop is good. My soil is a clay, so also is Mr. Mowbray's. My farm is not near the water, not as near as his. The land is well drained.

James Watson—The pear blight had not injured my trees much until lately. My soil is clay, and situate on the banks of a creek. The Flemish Beauty has not suffered in any way, in the Township of Moore. I have applied a mixture of clay, lime, and sulphur, wrapped around the trunk of the tree, over the spots affected with blight. The Bartlett is too tender, the Beurre d'Anjou has stood the winter. The Baldwin and Rhode Island Greening Apple trees have suffered from the cold. The Doyenne d'Ete and Beurre Clairgeau Pears stood well. The Doyenne d'Ete ripened in the end of July. Clapp's Favourite does well, is hardy and good.

Wm. Saunders asked about Eliot's Early Pear, but none present were acquainted with it.

Charles Duncan, Moore Township—The Flemish Beauty and Clapp's Favourite promise to be hardy, and suited to this locality. There has not been any blight on them in my grounds. Have found leached ashes very beneficial to trees. The frost has injured the fruit this year.

Thomas Watson, Sarnia—I find that the Flemish Beauty, Clapp's Favourite, and all other sorts of pears lose their leaves, and spot and curl up. Soil, sandy loam.

Joseph Watson hoes and digs around his pear trees, and believes it to be very beneficial to them.

Joshua Payne neither digs nor ploughs around his pear trees. The Flemish Beauty does well, some of the trees, however, blight. His soil is clay. He sometimes spreads a little manure on the ground around his trees. The Bartlett does well, and the Seckel, Clapp's Favourite, and Beurre Clairgeau. Thinks they do best without cultivation, and that the manure serves as a mulch, and keeps the ground from cracking in a drouth.

Thomas Watson—I put sawdust and chips around my trees, and I find they are infested with the borer. Is this mulch the cause?

Wm. Saunders, London—No, the sawdust, chips, &c., are not the cause of the presence of the borer, it was only a coincidence. Ashes are a good fertilizer for fruit trees, and will

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