

The SECRETARY: I don't think so; and if you go through the Chicago markets and ask, "What apple are you selling most?" they will say, "The Spy;" and if you ask the commission men, "What is most in demand, they will say, "Your Canadian Spy." Commercial orchardists in Canada have several questions before them. One is: "What can I grow best in my district?" The next is: "What market am I shipping to?—is it the American market or the English market?"—and so on. You have to consider what the people want in the market you are shipping to. (Hear, hear.) And these questions will influence us all as to the varieties we plant; and if we have planted them, and they are not the kinds we want, we must top-graft them. The Ben Davis as grown in the west, in Oregon and in British Columbia, is most wonderful—twice the size we grow it in Ontario, four times the size they grow it in Prince Edward Island. It just emphasizes the truth of my statements.

Mr. BEALL: The speaker just now stated that the Northern Spy would not perhaps do in the northern or colder parts. I would like to know where that is. I know where there is a long row in an orchard fully one hundred miles north of Lindsay, and they are bearing well, as they have borne for several years.

The SECRETARY: Do you know how long it is planted?

Mr. BEALL: I do not. I have a memo. at home of the locality and name of owner, etc.

Mr. CASTON: I can corroborate a good deal of what Mr. Dempsey says. In the lower end of Simcoe County the Northern Spy thrives very well. In North Simcoe it does just as Mr. Dempsey says,—after it bears a few years it begins to fall apart. That has been the experience of growers in our section. Now, travel about thirty miles south and you will find old trees there growing all right, and bearing every year; and I don't know that you will get any better specimens in Ontario than you will in South Simcoe.

Mr. BOULTER: Why do you condemn it and throw it out of your list?

Mr. CASTON: I am not condemning it; but that is the reason I did not wish it put on our list—that after it bears a few years it gets rotten in the heart and begins to fall back. But I have proved by experience that it can be grown where any apple can be grown, by top-grafting. That is a very important matter, and one that deserves attention. You can grow any apple that can be grown in any other part of Ontario by grafting it above the crotch, on healthy limbs. It brings them into bearing earlier. As to quality, of course tastes differ. I would say the King is by all odds a better desert apple than the Spy, but it is not nearly such a good bearer.

Mr. BOULTER: I have about four hundred Spy trees and have not lost one tree. They have been out 12 or 14 years.

Mr. CASTON: They have not come to the failing part of the business yet. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT: In reference to Mr. McNeill's remark about the Ben Davis being so good, I would say that the judges at the World's Fair would score the Ben Davis from Nebraska in quality as high as 10; but when they would come down to Canada they would only score it about 8. So with the Kieffer pear. Out in those southern and western states they seem to have better quality in their eyes than we have in this country, farther east and north.

Mr. BOULTER: I would suggest that we defer this discussion till Mr. Beall's paper is read.

The PRESIDENT: Is that your pleasure? Carried.