

bear the next year after you set it out—(Laughter)—and not only that, but it is the most beautiful tree next to the Tree of Life almost, and fair to look upon, and everything and you ask \$1.50 for that tree." Now then, you see if this man gulls three men in a day he more than pays his wages; whatever else he does is clear profit. So that by making a specialty of that kind they can afford to pay good wages to anybody that has got a voluble tongue and a brassy face.

Mr. A. H. PETTIT: I do not think at the present time we suffer to the extent that we did a few years ago with this tree agent business in this country. I think that our farmers and fruit growers, as a rule, have become very much better posted than they were in the early days of this work, and, no doubt, in the early history many mistakes were made. We have been discussing this question for years as a Fruit Growers' Association, and we appealed to the Government for a grant along that line to establish throughout the province at suitable points, and to represent certain localities, fruit experiment stations, where all the new kinds of fruit recommended by these people for cultivation will be thoroughly tested and reported upon, in order that every information can be given to the people in advance as far as it is possible to do so. These stations are doing most excellent work, and the work is coming on as rapidly as it possibly can. Another effort we are making is to have at the great Industrial Exhibition at Toronto, where the largest possible number of people attend, an exhibit of the large variety of fruits the stations are testing, and give all the information we can as to the hardiness, productiveness and good quality of such varieties as are placed before our people to plant, and therefore to buy. I think this difficulty will be overcome in a very few years. I think the evil will cure itself very rapidly. Another point is in regard to cultivation. I think horticulture is as fairly and well done throughout Ontario as any other branch of agriculture. It is becoming better and better every day, and travel where you will to-day you will see many samples of orchards that are well cultivated, well pruned and very well cared for. (Cheers.)

Mr. WATKINS, of Michigan: I think the manner of handling the tree list by our Society is a good one. Every year we have a complete list of everything that is worthy of cultivation, and some that are not. We have a committee that revises that list every year. If a variety should become unworthy of cultivation, it is struck out. New ones that are tested at our sub-station, under the careful supervision of President Lyon, are put on the list, and that revised list is a very valuable feature. Our list of apple trees in trial now is nearly 300, and there are two trees of each variety, and they are fruited right along from year to year until they become what you might call standard.

Mr. RACE: We have not heard anything at all from any local men.

Mr. T. H. PARKER, President of the Woodstock Horticultural Society: Our local association undertook to correct the names of much fruit that they believed was improperly named. They sent for Mr. A. McD. Allan, who was experienced in that line, and he spent a day or two here and also visited St. Thomas and Ingersoll, and I was with him at some of these places, and it was really amusing to see the strange names that some of these apples had, and many of them were wrongly named. The thing was not followed up, and I do not suppose that much benefit was derived from that single visit. It seems to me that the matter rests a good deal with the local societies. If they were willing to expend a few dollars in engaging an expert to attend their fairs and act as a judge and correct the names of these fruits, it might be a very great benefit to the country generally.

Mr. LEITH, Woodstock: I think very often mistakes are made in the placing of labels on apples at all, because they are not true to the names placed on them. I have made it a point to get the proper names of certain trees in my own orchard that may be starting to bear, and when I go to an exhibition, or a display like the one you have here, I look very carefully at labels on fruit, supposing they are placed there by men who ought to know, and I go away with the impression that I have got the correct name, but sometimes I find afterwards that it was not the correct name.