

Mr. PATTISON (Grimsby): I have been in the habit of using a composition of ordinary washing soda and soft soap which acted fairly well. It has the fault of not staying on as long as one might wish, but for a considerable period it acts very well.

Mr. BURRELL: What soil is yours, Mr. Orr?

Mr. ORR: Sandy.

Mr. BURRELL: Were you ever troubled much with borers before?

Mr. ORR: This is a young orchard. In the old orchard we were very badly troubled with them.

Mr. BURRELL: The satisfactory report may be because there were not very many borers about.

Mr. ORR: We mixed it with skim milk. Besides that, slacking the lime with hot water makes it more adhesive.

Mr. GREGORY (St. Catharines): Would you recommend laying bare the roots?

Mr. ORR: No; we get the collar entirely clean and then whitewash the limbs right down to the roots.

C. M. HONSBURGER: The old adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is a good one. I would like to ask Mr. Burrell what mode he would adopt in finding borers in young trees?

Mr. BURRELL: You can only get at them by picking them out with a knife.

GREETINGS FROM SISTER SOCIETIES.

The PRESIDENT: We have to-day a representative from the Quebec Horticultural Society, and I am sure every one in this room will hear him with the greatest of pleasure. We can always learn from those engaged in horticulture from other districts, and we take it very kindly that the Quebec Society has thought fit to send us a delegate, and I may say that in return, at the meeting of the Board last evening, representatives were appointed to attend the meeting of the Quebec Horticultural Society, and also horticultural societies in the States and at other points. I will now call upon Mr. Brodie, representing the Quebec Horticultural Society.

Mr. BRODIE: I have great pleasure in meeting you here this afternoon, and I greatly regret that my confrere, Mr. Shepherd, did not come along with me, as he is a much better speaker than I am. The first Horticultural Society in Quebec was started at Abbotsford, the home of the late Charles Gibb. Abbotsford in Scotland is connected with the name of Sir Walter Scott; here, in Canada, Abbotsford will always be connected with a name just as dear to us, that of Charles Gibb. (Applause.) Our Society comprises French Canadians as well as English speaking people, and it would do you good to see how well we get on together. There is no rivalry; everything is carried on, although sometimes there is a little delay in translation and so on; still we get on very harmoniously. I find that being able to speak both languages is a real blessing, so if you delegates come down to Quebec I hope you will not be disappointed if you hear a little of our discussions in the French language. We have had a great deal of difficulty in contending with severe winters. The winter of 1895-96 was most disastrous to us in our fruit work. Whole sections of plum orchards in the L'Islet and Kamarouska were destroyed with the exception of a few trees, and in my own orchard near Montreal I lost between 50 and 60 valuable trees. I noticed coming up here how clean you have your orchards. Well, we have to let the grass grow to be a protection to our orchards. Another reason why I like to have a good coating of grass under my trees in an autumn like this is that the apples ripen up very rapidly, and I had about 300 barrels of windfalls. We had a very wet October. If we had to pick up these windfalls out of the mud we would have realized a pretty small price for them, while for those we did gather I got from \$1.70 to \$1.90 a barrel in the Quebec market. That is one reason why I

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