

of the highest flavors. I do not object to it on account of its size, for if I cannot eat the whole of one myself I have never any difficulty in finding some person who is quite willing to take a share in it.

The SECRETARY.—It seems to me that a good way of getting rid of this difficulty would be to have a column for productiveness, and in that way we would put the King of Tompkins down 3 or 4, and out of 50, which would be the maxim, it would have only 40 or 42.

SEVERAL MEMBERS.—That is a good suggestion.

Mr. WILKINSON.—I suppose the idea of this list is to guide those who wish to plant out an orchard, that they can refer to it and pick out those that have the highest value attached.

Mr. A. McD. ALLAN.—That is not the idea of this list; there is a separate list for that. In this list we have the particulars that judges at exhibitions want. The difficulty in having a column for productiveness is this, that a great many of these apples are local, and while an apple might be very productive in one neighborhood under a certain set of circumstances, in another and under different conditions it might not be productive at all.

A MEMBER.—I do not think we need be afraid to let the King of Tompkins stand at 40.

Mr. RICE.—It has no rival; I do not think there is any danger in letting it stand 10 all through.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—What is the object of our trying to produce new fruits if we have already arrived at perfection.

The PRESIDENT.—The question is before you; shall we reduce the King of Tompkins County to 6 points as a dessert apple? Lost.

THE NORTHERN SPY.

The PRESIDNET.—The Northern Spy is now before your consideration.

Mr. BEALL.—The Committee thought it better to put the Northern Spy at four 10s.

Prof. SAUNDERS.—I would move that it be not ranked higher than the King of Tompkins County.

The SECRETARY.—I second that; it is inclined to spot sometimes in localities, and to be imperfect.

Mr. WILKINSON.—I think it is rated too high as a cooking apple; it is very insipid.

Mr. WILSON (Chatham).—It is not a good enough keeper to rank as high as 10.

Mr. ALLAN.—There are several points you are forgetting. The list is constructed upon the understanding that we have perfect specimens; and for the purpose of aiding judges when it is expected that perfect specimens are found on the exhibition table. In regard to a perfect Northern Spy, I am willing to stand by the rating given. I know that, even for the home market, the Northern Spy, for its own season, still stands at the top of the list, and in the foreign market it will do so every time. Of course we find many of them spotted, but that does not touch the question at all; we do not want these spotted apples, but perfect fruit in every instance.

The PRESIDENT.—The question is whether we shall reduce it, as has been moved and seconded. Lost.

The SECRETARY.—I am inclined to attack it on another point, that is for the foreign market. It is placed as high as the King, and certainly the King sells for higher prices in the foreign market than the Northern Spy.

Mr. A. McD. ALLAN.—There, again, as far as the market is concerned, the standard is taken on the apple itself. You will make more out of the Northern Spy than the King; its productiveness does it. You will make more out of a perfect crop of Northern Spies than out of a perfect crop of Kings. I think you will make more out of the Baldwin than the King, but it does not rank with the King.

Mr. ELLIOTT.—If a man who is a grandfather plants the Northern Spy in our part of the country his boys may get some of the fruit, but I have had some that have been planted thirteen years, and I have never got a crop yet.