the reputation of an entire neighborhood. I will give you an actual fact, that I saw in Ottawa this winter. A gentleman was looking at some apples. He said—accompanying his remarks with some rather rough language—"There's the greatest set of schemers in the Niagara district that there is in the known world!" (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Well, I wanted to know why. He replied, "Well, here were men employed at $1.50 a day to pick and pack apples; they have no reason to defraud at all; and I want to show you a lot of Kings I have got." He opened a barrel of Kings. I said: "My dear sir, you have no reason to complain." He said: "See there! out of a carload, that is the first one I have found that was a King." He opened that; what was that? It was a cull! He opened another; that was a cull—Rhode Island Greening—never been hand picked either, and very well seasoned with worms. He opened another; it was Roxborough Russet. And he never found another barrel of Kings in the lot? That man was disgusted with the stock. He had been defrauded, and he was laying it on the whole Niagara district. I saw another man in the fall. I had some pears then I was selling. This fellow was a good natured Frenchman. He asked me where I was from. I told him "Prince Edward." "Well," says he, "In the County of Prince Edward, they are the greatest set of schemers that I ever saw." Well, it was quite a compliment, and he went on to show me where he was defrauded, and how he was defrauded, by some man from Prince Edward who had been packing fruit for him. I felt that upon a man who would perpetrate a fraud like that we could hardly inflict a remedy as severe as he deserved. Now, I know some parties that have realised some good results from their honest labor in years past. The lowest I have known one of them to sell their fruit at, even in the fall was $1.75 to $2.50 a barrel, delivered at the railway station. I fail to see why we can't all be honest in the packing of our fruit. (Hear, hear.) If we will all look well after the packing and selecting of our own fruits ourselves, and not trust to a man that is liable to be fixed with a little whiskey or cider, or something of this sort, I fancy we will find some day that apple culture is more profitable than it has been this year. As to the over-production this year, I was reading a speech the other day by Mr. Barry, in which he says we have not had such an over-production for over twenty past; that it only occurs in about once in twenty years. If that is the case we have nothing to fear. Men in our section submit to a poor crop of barley nearly every year, and still go right on with their barley; and some of those same men I find digging up their apple orchards this year, because they have not made it pay.

The SECRETARY—I don't think we would find much profit in apples at ten cents a bushel. When we count the expense of gathering, and of barrels and packing, we find even at the prices that we are averaging of late years, there are no very immense profits to speak of. I think we need a little caution in this matter I think we have been in the past speaking rather too highly of the profits of our business. We need a little moderation on this subject.

Mr. DEMPSEY—I would ask the Secretary if he thinks that common varieties of apples would not pay the producer at ten cents a bushel, to manufacture into cider? It is not a question of profits that I was talking about, or large profits. The finer varieties of apples we cannot produce in such abundant crops. We cannot get forty or fifty bushels for example, from a single tree.

The SECRETARY—I don't think it would pay to plant an apple orchand, and wait ten or fifteen years for a crop, and then sell the crop, even for cider at ten cents a bushel. Of course if a man has an orchard and gets a very heavy bearing, it might pay him to take ten cents, rather than cut down the orchard.

Mr. GEO. E. FISHER (Burlington)—Is it allowable to put an apple having a worm hole in, no matter how small, or whether it be in the blossom end, or where it is?

The SECRETARY—As No. 1 fruit I don't think it is.

A DELEGATE—Do you ship wormy apples at all?

The SECRETARY—No, not as No. 1 fruit. I have shipped them as No. 2. I always very carefully, and after a good deal of expense, separate all the apples that I ship into