

T. A. McDONALD.—We Pictou men are very chary of accepting new theories and customs; we are apt to follow the paths worn by the feet of our fathers, even after convinced that there are other and better ways, we are apt to plant trees as our predecessors did, and to cultivate, or rather neglect them, as they did also. The Fruit Growers of Kings will be disgusted when I tell them that the largest proportion of the apples grown in this County are shaken off the trees and carried to market in bags; but they will laugh when I tell them that the most profitable apple I grow is the "Alexander," an apple they are discarding; but the miner boys will buy them in preference to any other, I presume on the same principle on which they choose their sweet-hearts for their good looks.

DR. MUNROE.—I think that the difference of opinion between Newcomb and Starr on the depth of cultivation is easily accounted for by difference of soil. Light soils better be manured on the surface, while heavier soils require deeper culture. The Alexander is a favorite with us, and I think a better apple here than in the Western Counties, especially for table use. I approve of the use of clover and hoed crops in the orchard, and in the exclusion of grass and grain. I fear that we are all astray in the names of our fruits, as we are the victims of the "tree pedlar" from the first. I would like to ask some questions on this subject at the proper time.

CHAIR.—As we have spent some time over this subject we will proceed with the next, which is:—

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SECRETARY.—*Mr. Chairman*,—I did not think it necessary to get any one to take especial charge of this subject, as it has been so fully discussed at the various meetings of the Association that we are pretty well decided upon the best sorts for export, and also for general cultivation in the West. What we want to know is if the same sorts will answer for general cultivation in this part of the Province, and if not, what have you that is better.

J. T. FRASER.—I think that the first and greatest effort we must make is to supply our own local markets, and to do the best we can it will be a score of years before we accomplish this. (A voice: Oh, no!) Yes, it will! Why we are going to double our population in the next ten years, Repeal or no Repeal, and every man will