

Mr. E. MORRIS: Do you find the Scarlet Pippin as hardy and productive as the Fameuse and McIntosh Red?

Mr. WHITNEY: It is not as well tried as the others, but so far as we have tried it we find the tree very reliable. Mr. Harold Jones, who is present, is a better authority on that than I am.

The SECRETARY: Yes, he is the originator.

Mr. HAROLD JONES: I have four or five specimens of the apple at the hotel which I did not bring to the meeting. With regard to the character of the trees and fruit I might say that the tree is upright, perfectly hardy in root, branch and fruit. I have never suffered from winter injury at any time, and never failed to get a good crop. The tree is inclined to bear every other year, but with careful trimming we can get an annual crop. The season of the fruit is the same as the Snow. It is at its best during the latter end of November, and it is also good all through the month of December. The color I think is a brighter scarlet than either the Fameuse or the McIntosh Red, and it seems to take the eye quicker than either of those apples—I don't know why. Place the Fameuse and the McIntosh Red and the Scarlet Pippin all on the same market, and the Scarlet Pippin goes first and goes at good prices, and it seems to give excellent satisfaction where it has been taken in by private families. It is not free from fungus diseases, but it is not as subject to the scab as the Fameuse or the Snow. It is a chance seedling.

Mr. G. Y. SMITH (Whitby): Is it sour?

Mr. JONES: It is mild sub-acid.

Prof. MACOUN (Ottawa): I brought some specimens of the Shiawassie Beauty with me. It is a great favorite with me. I have had it fruit at the farm three or four years. It is one of the most promising apples for family use. It is very much like the Fameuse, but larger, and the color is better with us at Ottawa, and the tree seems hardier, and altogether I think it is one of the most promising apples we have. It is a very heavy bearer, but bears every other year. We have them up to the middle of January.

The SECRETARY: Have you any difficulty about it dropping? I have found it inclined to drop.

Prof. MACOUN: Our experience was that it hung on the tree better than any other variety in the orchard. There was scarcely a windfall all summer.

Mr. MORRIS: Have you the Scarlet Pippin?

Prof. MACOUN: We have some young trees that have been in three years, and they are among the healthiest we have in the orchard.

Mr. JONES: I might say that the Ontario apple is decidedly in the experimental stage with us. I see Mr. Whitney says there is one orchard man who has taken to planting 200 trees in the spring. I am afraid I am the victim. I will plant 200 trees, but I am planting largely every year any way, and if I should experiment with 200 trees in a commercial orchard it might not be so great a loss to me as it would be to other people who just want to plant one orchard with good stock. Although I intend to plant 200 in the spring, I must say the Ontario apple is in an experimental stage as yet; its hardiness is not proved.

Mr. E. MORRIS: I want to warn fruit growers about one failing of the Ontario—that it dies in the top. If it were not for that it would be one of the best apples we have. I have heard it spoken of as one of the best exporters there is; in fact, when taken to England people will buy it for Northern Spy if not told the difference.

Mr. MACOUN: I would like to call attention to the Milwaukee, a comparatively new apple, fruiting for the first time in Ottawa this year. I think it will keep in good condition till the first of February, and I think it is a heavy bearer. It is a seedling of the Duchess. It is an acid apple.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to ask Mr. Whitney how he would propose to