

Mr. BOULTER : What cause do you give for them not panning out ?

Mr. DEMPSEY : When the Spy in our section comes into bearing it bears for about four or five years, then it goes to pieces.

Mr. CASTON : That is the way they did in our section.

The PRESIDENT : I think I shall ask Mr. Beall a question that possibly he will be very glad to answer. I think he took a very great deal of pains in the preparation of this report. Now, we find it necessary, as years roll on, to make changes. How shall we accomplish that in the best way ? I find the western counties strongly urge that Ben Davis be placed on the list. It is not on the list now.

Mr. BEALL : When that list was adopted by the committee they had no idea in the world that it was going to last for ever. We expect it to be changed from year to year ; but a great deal of care should be taken in making a change. I think a change should not be made merely because one particular variety is very much liked in one particular orchard. I think the matter should be well considered. I think the Association in the first place decided on something which was as near perfect as can be within the limited number. We are only to allow five varieties of winter apples. Mr. Boulter could not understand why the Northern Spy was not placed on there. Well, a great many others no doubt think the same. The reason was simply this : Being limited to number, and also to certain characteristics—for instance, they were to be limited to varieties that could be successfully and profitably grown. The Ontario is mentioned here, instead of the Northern Spy. They are so nearly alike that it would be absurd to put in the two. The Ontario was believed by that committee, and by a great number of other persons, to be the more profitable of the two. This list was to be a guide for persons in planting orchards. With regard to the President's question, I have a scheme to lay before the Association in connection with the paper I am to read here, that will embody this and a great many other matters connected with apples and fruits generally. I suggest that this matter be dropped until I read my paper. It simply means this : I propose having a committee appointed that shall be permanent, and that shall, subject to certain limitations, take all these matters into consideration, condensing the reports, and putting the lists in such a shape that they can be easily understood—epitomising, as it were, all the transactions in connection with new fruits and these matters also.

The SECRETARY : One point has been brought before us very plainly by this discussion : that certain apples are suited to some districts, and succeed wonderfully well there, but fail when planted in other districts. This list will be complete when we know what suits each separate part of the country. Formerly our Association gave just one list for all Ontario. That was found to be very faulty, because the apples that were recommended for general cultivation only suited certain parts ; but now we have divided it into thirteen parts, and we are trying to find the apples that do the best in those thirteen sections, and we may subdivide it more by-and-by. The Cranberry Pippin, which Mr. Boulter spoke of as being not very desirable in Prince Edward County, is a great success with me in the County of Lincoln. This year, when I ought to have had two or three thousand barrels of apples, I only had two or three hundred. That is what I call a failure in the apple orchard. However, the Cranberry Pippin constituted the chief part of the crop that I had this year. Most other varieties failed, but the Cranberry Pippin was fairly successful, and the apples were clean and beautiful—there were very few culls, and they were the most desirable apple I had for market. Now, in all the Niagara District the Cranberry Pippin is a very fine apple, beautiful in appearance and very fine as far as quality is concerned. The Spy also succeeds in the Niagara District. It is too tender for some northern sections ; but where it succeeds and colors properly we find the quality is beyond criticism. We found in Chicago that there was no Canadian apple that was so much in demand in the western States and cities as the Canadian Northern Spy.

Mr. BOULTER : Was there any apple to compare with it ?

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