

and brought before the Canadian public, it would soon prove a saving of no inconsiderable amount in preventing the useless planting of certain varieties of fruit in localities where they will not flourish. The experience brought out at the recent meeting in Hamilton is sufficient to show the importance of such a society to Canada, and the beneficial results to be anticipated from it, when not only every county but every township in every county shall be fully represented.

Once more then, on behalf of the fruit-growing interests of Canada, permit me to request all who take any interest in the cultivation of fruit to send in their names to the secretary, who will give them due notice of the time and place of meeting, and should any be unable to be personally present, by no means fail to send in to the secretary, in writing, the results of their experience.

Enclosed I hand you some extracts taken from my notes of the recent meeting of this Society, which will serve to show you its practical workings and the nature of the information there elicited. I have made them as brief as possible, that they might not occupy too much of your valuable space.

After the transaction of some routine business and listening to some reports on fruit culture, and an excellent address from the acting President on the culture of the grape, the committee on orchard fruits introduced a list of apples and pears for discussion, with a view to bring out the experience of different cultivators, which resulted as follows:—

Early Harvest, quality "best of its season." Tree perfectly hardy at Toronto, St. Catharines, and Grimsby; somewhat tender at Paris.

Red Astracan, quality very good, beautiful appearance, sells well in Toronto market. Tree very hardy in all parts of the Province.

Dutchess of Oldenburg, quality, "very good," very handsome. Tree perfectly hardy everywhere, very prolific, bears young and every year.

Sweet Bough, large size, best sweet apple of its season, valuable for market. Tree hardy at St. Catharines and at Paris; tender at Toronto.

Early Joe, quality best. Tree very hardy and a very slow grower. Most desirable as a dwarf in gardens.

Early Strawberry was found to a very small apple, and the tree a very shy bearer.

Primate, quality "best," hardy so far as known, but the variety had not been very generally tested.

St. Lawrence, quality "very good" at Toronto, best at Paris, "variable" at St. Catharines, improved in quality to the northward. Tree perfectly hardy in all the Province and a good bearer.

Fameuse, or **Snow Apple**, highly esteemed in all Canada as a desert fruit. Tree perfectly hardy.

Fall Pippin, quality "very good." The tree had been found to be tender in some localities and seasons about Toronto.

Keswic Codlin, quality "very good cooking." Tree very hardy, and an early bearer.

Hawthornden, "good cooking," very handsome. Tree very hardy and bears very young.

Golden Sweet, "very good" sweet apple, valuable for market. Tree very hardy and a good bearer.

Gravenstein, quality "best," best in all respects. Tree hardy at Toronto, Paris, and St. Catharines.

Jersey Sweeting, "best" fall sweet, valuable for market. Hardiness of the tree not yet fully tested.

Baldwin, "best" quality, profitable for market; keeps well until spring. Tree an early and great bearer, but tender to the northward.

Rhode Island Greening, one of the most valuable and profitable market fruits. Tree begins to bear young and is very prolific, but quite tender to the north and particularly at Paris.

Spikenburg, quality "best," tree hardy, very slender grower. A moderate bearer at Toronto, Paris, and St. Catharines, a good bearer at Hamilton and Niagara.

Ribston Pippin, quality "best," for both table and cooking, valuable for market. Tree hardy everywhere and a good early bearer.

Roxbury Russet, quality "good," valuable for its long keeping. Tree hardy at Toronto and St. Catharines, somewhat tender at Paris.

American Golden Russet, quality "very good," size but a little larger than the Pomme Grise, fine long keeper, valuable for market. Tree hardy, a good grower and good bearer.

Northern Spy, quality "best," size large, a long keeper, hangs well on the tree. Tree perfectly hardy everywhere, somewhat tardy in coming into bearing, but after it has begun it is an excellent bearer, and as it always puts forth its blossoms after all other apples, it frequently escaped late frosts that seriously injure the crop of other varieties.

Swaar, quality "best," succeeds in a warm, dry, rich soil. Tree very tender at Paris, and a poor bearer at Toronto.

Pomme Grise, quality "best," small russet, fine for eating all winter, and will keep until July. Tree very hardy and a good bearer in all parts of the Province.

Yellow Bellflower, quality "very good," but the tree had proved a very poor grower and a very shy bearer.

Belmont, a new variety, very good for both the table and cooking; tree very hardy at Toronto, and a good bearer.

Wagener, a new variety of great promise, quality "best," tree very hardy, very prolific, and an early bearer.

Alman Sweet, best winter sweet apple; tree very hardy. At Toronto the fruit was apt to be small and scabby.