

and the change made a marked effect in the colour of the foliage and the vigour of the young shoots. I also noticed a gradual falling off of the codling moth.

This year shows a remarkable difference on the year '74; the moth is not worthy of notice. An inquiry from some of our scientific men, whether it was the ashes that was the cause of such an abundance of fruit, would be thankfully received.

JONAS NEFF.

REPORT OF TREES RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATION FOR 1875.

This year I can give a favourable report on part of the trees received for time past since I have become a member of the Association.

My Beurre d'Anjou Pear has died, but the Goodale Pear and Clapp's Favourite are growing well, also my Beurre Clairgeau. My McLauchlin Plum is growing fine. Grimes' Golden Apple and Downing Gooseberry have died, also my Swayzie Pomme Grise. My Salem Grape is growing well. I cannot give a very favourable report of the Mammoth Cluster Raspberry and the Wilson Blackberry; they are both alive, but I consider them almost worthless. The blackberry does not stand the winter. The raspberry stands the winter, but it bears but a small crop and small-sized fruit. Therefore I consider them worthless. Hales' Peach is doing well.

Yours &c.,

JONAS NEFF.

GREENOCK, January 21st, 1875.

To the Secretary.

I write these lines to inform you how we are getting along with our young orchard, as it is progressing wonderfully. The trees which we got from your Fruit Growers' Association are doing finely. The pear tree and Wagner apple tree, distributed in 1872, are doing extremely well. The next succeeding spring they were planted here, both of them were covered with blossoms. In a short time after spring, the apple tree had nineteen apples formed on it, growing very rapidly to the size of plums. We took them all off except four, as we knew so many would be injurious to so young a tree. The neighbouring farmers were very much struck with its appearance, and many others which had a look at it. They were not long in deciding on the spot to become members; but I think they have forgotten their resolutions. These same trees also had blossoms again last spring, and fruit was again formed on the Wagner tree, but the dry summer took them off; as also a large quantity of fruit was withered off from the larger trees. The Grimes' Golden Pippin apple and Clapp's Favourite pear, distributed, in 1873 are growing well. They have not appeared in blossom, but they have time enough yet; also the Downing Gooseberry and Barry Grape are still growing. They had to be nursed very carefully this dry summer. We had a good number of our evergreens killed with the extraordinary dry weather. We have got a splendid spot for an orchard. It is a gentle rising slope, descending towards the south. It is a soft clay loam, with gravel subsoil. We have about two acres planted; but we intend to enlarge it yet. We have it seeded down, mostly clover, for three years. We try as much as possible to keep the grass off the trees. We give them stable manure and leached ashes occasionally, as it seems to suit them very well. We were intending to give them a good heavy coat of black rot this last fall; but I have had delicate health, and the farm work all depending on my brother John and father, we did not get it accomplished. We can get this splendid manure in any low, flat place on the farm, as in some places it is several feet deep. If spared, we will have to plant quite a number of evergreen trees, as a shelter for orchards is much needed in this country. This most valuable protection is very much neglected here amongst us farmers. They seem to take no interest in it all. I have often observed their careless manner with orchards. The trees may be planted all well enough; but when this is done, they are left