

Mr. SHEPHERD was received with applause. He said; I am quite taken by surprise. I was kindly invited by your Secretary to attend your meeting; but I came as a listener, and came to learn. We have wonderful respect for your Society. Within the last two years we have formed a Provincial Society—the Fruit Growing and Pomological Society of the Province of Quebec, taking as our guide entirely your Ontario Society, which has been so successful that we try to imitate you in everything. (Hear, hear). I regret that Mr. Brodie of Montreal, and Mr. Dunlop the secretary, were not able to accompany me, the latter having been sent by the Commissioner of Agriculture for Quebec, to investigate the evaporating industry of New York State—which shows how our Province is going ahead. Mr. Woolverton has asked me to say something about packing. Well, that is a very big subject. I regret that I was not able to bring one of my cases that I have been using for fifteen years for exporting apples to England and the other side. It is a very convenient case, holding 196 apples, arranged in four layers, each apple being placed in a pasteboard compartment precisely as eggs are packed in cases. I believe there is a large market in London particularly for the Fameuse—you call it the Snow apple. I have seen what you call Snows about Hamilton; I think it is only a degenerate Fameuse, as far as I can understand; but I have seen as fine Fameuse grown about Owen Sound and Morrisburg, as I ever saw in the Province of Quebec. The best way to export table apples of first quality, is to pack them in boxes—not always in compartment boxes—and there should be no chance of them being bruised. I have tried this year packing them without compartments—packing them in tissue paper in layers, and the interstices packed with paper. The Army and Navy stores reported that they arrived in very good condition. The Fameuse is the apple which the Londoners wish to get. They seem to find it an extremely fine-flavored apple. I have sent at least half a dozen varieties of red apples which are considered good table apples, but they always ask for Fameuse. Now, it seems to me that there is a good future, particularly in the Province of Quebec, for the fruit growers to cultivate Fameuse; and in this section too, along the St. Lawrence, they can grow Fameuse, can't they?

Mr. BOULTER: Yes.

Mr. SHEPHERD: I think high prices can always be obtained for first-class fruit packed in a first-class way. We in Quebec are better situated for shipping Duchess to England than you are in the west, as we can pack our apples to-day and put them on board the ship to-morrow—at least I can do it, as I am only 40 miles from Montreal. The Duchess that I shipped in barrels to Edinburgh, netted me, after paying all expenses, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

The SECRETARY: Cold storage?

Mr. SHEPHERD: No cold storage. They were out on the ship within 48 hours after they were picked. In Glasgow the Wealthy-netted me \$1.80, that is deducting all charges except the barrel. In Edinburgh the Wealthy netted me \$1.30. I was not as well satisfied with the firm I shipped to in Edinburgh, as I was with the Glasgow firm. I shipped a lot of No. 2 Famense to London in barrels. They averaged \$1.10. I could not have got a dollar for them in Montreal. I tried the Montreal market for Duchess, and got a dollar a barrel at auction, less 10 per cent., that is 90 cents. The same apples I shipped to Liverpool netted me \$1.25, so that I think we have the advantage. We have a market every year in England for our Duchess. Formerly we used to be able to sell our Duchess in baskets in Montreal and Ottawa and Quebec, but we cannot do it now. The California early fruit has driven that kind of business out of the market as far as Montreal is concerned. It strikes Montreal just about the time that our Duchess come in, and we cannot market the Duchess with profit, so that I certainly shall ship my Duchess every year to the other side.

Mr. BOULTER: Until the California fruit is kept out of Montreal.

Mr. SHEPHERD: Of course that might make some change.

The SECRETARY: Would you do better with a case than a barrel?

Mr. SHEPHERD: I certainly don't advise packing in cases to be sold at auction, as they dispose of fruit on the other side. They allow you nothing for the extra packing

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