

were subject to the fungus spot, and very deeply cracked. It is a poor keeper. Its season is so short that it is almost worthless. The fewer fall varieties we plant the better—(hear, hear)—because the equinox generally makes enough "fall" apples without planting fall varieties. (Laughter.) The Wealthy is new in our section, but from what I have seen of it I class it very hardy—almost next to the Duchess and Tolman Sweet; it is an early bearer and the fruit does not incline to spot, but it is inclined to drop from the trees. The Scott's Winter seemed to do very well in our section. I recommend the American Golden Russet as the very best winter apple we have. It is the best bearer, and perfectly hardy.

Mr. DEMPSEY—What about the Ben Davis?

Mr. CASTON—I lost most of mine in the winter of 1884-5, but with that exception it stood the climate very well. That was an exceptional winter. I find the Ben Davis grafted on seedlings produces wonderful specimens that are very good. Years ago, when the nurserymen first sent agents out, the King of Tompkins was very largely planted. I do not know of a single specimen now that is living in our neighborhood. Of course a few miles make a great difference in some parts of Ontario. A certain variety will thrive in the south end of the county of Simcoe that will not thrive in the north; and yet go a little further towards the north-west, close to the mountain near Meaford, and they can grow the peaches where we cannot grow the Rhode Island Greening. The Red Pound I would recommend for the older portions of Ontario. It bears young and regular, is not very subject to spots, keeps well till February or even March, good for eating, and for cooking cannot be beaten.

Mr. DEMPSEY—I believe the Red Pound, Baxter and La Rue are all the same apple.

Mr. HOLDEN—I have the Red Pound and the Baxter in Barrie. There is a very great resemblance between the two. The Baxter inclines to spot badly with me. The Red Pound that I received from a friend near Barrie seemed to be a very clean and handsome apple. I think for that part of the country it ought to be a very hardy variety, which I don't think the Baxter is.

Mr. T. H. RACE (Mitchell)—I have never found in the Colvert any quality to recommend it to farmers or any other class. Buyers coming into Perth county found two-thirds of the apples grown by the farmers were of this variety, and they would not touch them. They objected that they were poor keepers, and they had small spots early in the season. If the apple industry is to be profitable we must get the farmers to confine their varieties to two or three, or four or five, and only those that will stand shipping and will keep; and we will have to try to protect them from the nursery jobbers. The reason the Colvert is so common with us is that it is a free grower and is cheaper than almost any other that the jobbers can get hold of. They will go to the farmers and either recommend it, or sell them other varieties and put in this tree, and the farmer finds that instead of the apples he has ordered the great majority will turn out Colverts. The same might be said of the Tolman Sweet. I value that apple very highly; it is an excellent packer, but a free grower, and a handsome tree when young; and many farmers have been imposed on on that account. I know a dozen farmers that claim they did not order these trees, and that they have been imposed upon by nursery jobbers.

Mr. A. H. PETTIT (Grimsby)—There is no demand for Tolman Sweet and Yellow Bellflower in our section, even if well grown. I don't think there is an apple for export that there is much more money in than the Colvert, if properly handled. They are clean and smooth, bear well—in fact, extra well—and always command a good price in the early markets in the Old Country—at least I have always found it so. The Northern Spy cannot be excelled in the southern portion of Ontario; and if our northern climate will just leave us with a few of these choice varieties I think we will grow them and make them very profitable. The King of Tompkins County we find very profitable in our section. It bears and grows very well.

Mr. CASTON—The farther north an apple is grown the better it will be in quality, and the longer it will keep. I find a difference in the soil. Apples grown on a warm

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