

MEETING OF THE QUEBEC POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

were killed outright. The injuries were so irregular, as to varieties, that no definite conclusions could be drawn with regard to the hardiness of individuals. As a general rule, cherries on their own roots had been less injured than grafted varieties. The same was true of plums. In the case of apples, the hardiest varieties, as a rule, had suffered less than the tenderer kinds, but owing to the fact that the greater part of the injury was due to root killing, the question of hardiness or tenderness of the top did not play a very important part.

Wm. Patterson, of Clarenceville, in a paper on currants, spoke strongly in favor of Moore's Ruby. Prof. Waugh, of the Vermont Experiment Station, in a thoughtful address, classified the American plums. He was of the opinion that varieties of the Niagara section of *Prunus Americana* would be of greatest value to fruit growers in the province of Quebec and in the Ottawa Valley. The varieties of Chickasaw or *Angustifolia* type were now being largely planted in Maryland and in the Chesapeake Peninsula.

In speaking of the newer varieties of strawberries, Mr. Craig recommended Bissel, Scarlet Ball and Buster. He was of the opinion that these were decided acquisitions to the list of varieties adapted to commercial culture.

"The Planting of Orchards," by R. W. Shepherd, brought out a good discussion, the general trend of which went to show that apple trees were being planted too closely at the present time in the province of Quebec. He advocated a distance of 33 feet apart each way.

An interesting talk on "Ornamental Trees and Shrubs" was given by Wm. Craig, Jr., of Abbotsford. His remarks were illustrated by specimens of tree and shrub growth from Gibbland Farm. Among the varieties of ornamental trees of beautiful foliage and adapted to the climate of Quebec, he recommended Schwedler Maple, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Honey Locust, Cut Leaf Birch, Golden Arbor Vitæ, Golden Retinospora, Concolor Spruce and Austrian Spruce.

Mr. C. P. Newman, of Lachine Locks, gave useful information upon cider making. His paper went to show that summer apples were of little value for this purpose and that the best cider was made from the firm-fleshed winter varieties, such as Pomme Grise and Golden Russet.

The question of how local Horticultural Societies might aid the Provincial Association was discussed by J. M. Fisk, of Abbotsford, and a resolution was passed appointing a committee whose duties it would be to formulate a scheme for the organization of local associations and their affiliation with the Provincial Society. Bee keeping was treated by Gilbert Winter, and the President spoke interestingly regarding tomatoe culture.

A number of members took advantage of their proximity to Newport to visit the orchards of the veteran fruit grower of Newport, Dr. Hoskins. It was a pleasure to meet the Doctor and to look with him through his large orchards of selected hardy Russian varieties and native Vermont seedlings. Scott's Winter and Longfield were two striking varieties in these orchards.

