

He then says: failures are numerous, the most utterly worthless variety in this vicinity is R. I. Greening, absolutely barren and 20 years old. Yellow Bellefleur but little better, I had one little miserable diseased fruit in 1889 after twenty years patient waiting. Many kinds go to the bad with the canker. Nonpareil one of the worst. I would not have a Nonpareil tree within five miles of my orchard if I could help it.

Native seedlings continue to supply our markets to a large extent; Andrews Sweet, Gavel and Holly, the last for cooking. Grimes' Golden grafted on Holly was doubled in size as shown at our last exhibition.

Pears do not succeed, neither do Cherries; plums only when grown against a wall with eastern exposure, barren in the open ground. Small fruits are on the increase, strawberries especially. When shipped late to Boston they bring 30 to 40 cts. per quart box. I have got as high as 50 cts. per box."

Mr. Brown also mentions several new sorts not yet fruited. Salome, Shiawasse Beauty, and Princess Louise, the new apple originated by L. Wolverton, of Grimsby, Ontario, Secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, with others, which are on trial and will be reported upon when fruited.

This report of Mr. Brown's shows us the necessity of close observation of the qualities of the different varieties in different localities. The kinds best suited for cultivation in this valley may not be suited to the Southern and Eastern Counties, and still other sorts may be required for Colchester and Cumberland to get the best results. These questions can only be satisfactorily answered by actual experiment, carefully conducted, with all the conditions fully noted.

We need annual reports like this one from Yarmouth, from every county in the province to be laid before this Association and published in the Transactions, giving in detail—sort, age of tree, amount and quality of crop, soil and cultivation. We may then be able to compare notes and in a few years intelligently recommend the best varieties for the several localities.

(Sgd.) R. W. STARR, *Chairman.*

MR. T. H. PARKER read the report of the Small Fruit Committee, explaining, however, before reading it, that the report was prepared

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