

this meeting the suggestions made by Mr. Robertson this morning might be fully and thoroughly discussed, and the committee later on, after hearing the full discussion on the suggestions made, would probably be in a position to make a report that would be of value to this Association. There is one point in which we do differ for the present in regard to Mr. Robertson's suggestion, and that was that it would be unfair to place the grower's name upon the package over which he has no control. (Hear, hear.) The packer's and the shipper's name might fairly be put there, but not that of the grower who sold his fruit to the shipper and placed it outside of his control, as to the condition and quality of fruit contained in the package.

Mr. TWEEDLE: There would be another difficulty right along that line. One of the details of it is that a great deal of fruit is sent away to the warehouse and repacked. I do not see how the owner could be responsible for anything after that.

The PRESIDENT: As I understood Prof. Robertson, the grower was not responsible at all. His name was there merely as a matter of reference, but no responsibility attached to it whatever.

Mr. PETTIT: A great many Canadian growers have a very good name in the British market, and if the shipper was to put the grower's name on it when he had no control of the package, it might ruin his good name in the British market; therefore he must be protected in some way.

E. D. SMITH: In discussing this in the few minutes we had at our disposal at noon in the committee we felt the suggestions of Prof. Robertson were on the right line, and had struck a solution of the difficulty we had never been able to reach before. It had been suggested in other years that a grade of a certain size, say 2½ inch apple, should be regarded as No. 1, and a 2¼ inch apple as No. 2, or something like that, and we felt that that would not meet the difficulty—that we could hardly specify what would be regarded as the size of a No. 1 apple. That difficulty was met with that suggestion to-day, that the minimum size be marked on the head of the barrel. A man might put up whatever he liked, but it must be marked on the head, with an allowance, as he suggested, of ten per cent., which I think would be very reasonable. That part the committee quite agree with. Then they suggested that the grade marks for quality should be Fancy, A1, No. 1 and No. 2—making four grades. That is a matter subject for discussion here. But one thing that we did not attempt to discuss, and felt it would take a good deal of time, is the matter of compulsion—whether everybody should be compelled, who put up their apples in this country, to put their marks on them, or whether it should be optional, that was a matter we could not come to a conclusion upon, for the reason that we should like to hear this matter discussed at this meeting, and give us leave to sit again and report at some future date.

Mr. HUGGARD: I think it is absolutely necessary to have a guide as to what is a No. 1 apple. I understand this committee was appointed for the purpose of designating what would be No. 1, No. 2, etc., acceptable to the Government and to purchasers. In the Toronto fruit market you will see all manner of fruit marked No. 1, when I would call them No. 3 or No. 4, and in some instances something like these in our baskets here, that are not even fit for a cider mill. The very fanciest varieties you have got I would call No. 1, and I should designate apples nearly as large, not so highly colored, with no spots, no worms, no rot, no bruises, all perfectly sound as No. 2.

A. H. PETTIT: As a basis for this, suppose we say that an apple that should rank A No. 1 should be an apple of fair size of the variety it represents, free from scab, worm hole and bruises, and properly packed. Now, I would ask you what size you would put a Baldwin to come under that head? Would you put a 2½ inches, 2¾ inches? These are the little detailed points that we want to first con-

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