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## ✦ Notes and Comments. ✦

THE ORILLIA PACKET of March 6th chronicles the death of Mr. John Cuppage, for many years a faithful agent of this Society at Orillia. He was the son of a Major-General in the East India army, and has three brothers Lieutenant-Colonels. Mr. Cuppage was a well-read man, public spirited to a high degree, and highly esteemed by those who knew him.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE has appeared in Michigan. Professor Barrows has found it on the borders of Allegan and Ottawa counties, infesting pear, plum, cherry, peach and apple trees. It was brought there some years ago, a six pear tree from New Jersey.

PROPER CARRIAGE OF APPLES ON SHIPBOARD.—At a meeting of fruit-growers at Grimsby, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

Resolved, That this meeting of farmers and fruit-growers is firmly convinced that some action should be taken to secure safe transportation of our apples to European markets, for we believe that had such been assured us in the past the crop of 1896 might have been

marketed there at such prices as would have nearly doubled the net proceeds.

We believe that there is no reason for our apples shipped in sound condition, to be landed in England in bad order, if steamship companies would make a very little effort to provide ventilation in the ship hold, where the apples are carried. All that is required is simply to maintain them during the entire voyage, in a temperature as cool as the ocean air in October and November.

DR. WM. SAUNDERS, of Ottawa, has just returned from Boston, where he delivered a lecture before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on the 13th of March. His subject was, "Horticulture in Canada," and it was illustrated with stereopticon illustrations. An interesting summary of the lecture appeared in the Boston Evening Transcript.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES visited by Mr. John Craig in his recent lecture tour under the auspices of our Association, speak in the highest terms of the excellence of his addresses.