

The PRESIDENT proceeded to read the list.

*Belle Lucrative* was changed by Committee from 10 dessert, 4 home market, to 7 dessert, 6 home market.

The PRESIDENT: How should this pear be so high for dessert and so low for home market?

Dr. BEADLE: Its appearance was against it, and it was hard to get people to buy it. It is a very sweet pear, and there is a moderate sale for it, but on the whole it does not "take" in the market on account of its lack of color. It is always green; it never has any color.

Mr. SMITH: But you have raised it two points for the home market.

Dr. BEADLE: Yes; we dropped it for dessert. It is sweet, and that is all you can say about it. It has no richness of flavor—just sweetness.

Mr. BOULTER: What was the reason for raising it two points for home market if the color was against it?

Dr. BEADLE: The color was against it, but as there are people who like a sweet pear, they thought it ought to be raised a little for home market. Mr. Orr will be able to tell you more about it. I deferred to the experience of persons who had marketed it.

The PRESIDENT: If no change suggested in that, we will go on with the rest.

*Flemish Beauty*, changed by Committee from 8 and 9 to 8 and 8.

The PRESIDENT: Why did you drop it for home market?

Mr. CLINE (Winona): Because it is a miserable pear to raise. It does not begin to compare in selling with the Bartlett. We have the Bartlett only at 10, and it is certainly fair to put it two points lower. I would like to have it only at 7.

Mr. BOULTER: Wouldn't 7 be pretty high?

Mr. CLINE: If you can grow them they sell pretty well.

Mr. BOULTER: Can you get two successive years' growth from them?

Mr. CLINE: No.

The SECRETARY: Would you plant any of them for the home market?

Mr. CLINE: I would not, except for grafting *Beurre Gifford* or some other one. We must consider this, that *Flemish Beauty* are always in the list of pears for varieties; no list is considered right without it.

The SECRETARY: You don't encourage anybody to plant it?

Mr. CLINE: No; all good collections have the *Flemish Beauty* in them, though.

Mr. BEALL: I think it is a mistake to speak against a particular variety because it cannot be grown in some particular section or in several sections. The principle should be that wherever a valuation is given on a fruit, it should be a perfect specimen. Then the question arises: If a man anywhere, in any part of the Province, can grow a first-class *Flemish Beauty*, should it be rated at a high rate? My own opinion is it ought to be rated as if a first-rate specimen was grown. We can grow them that will average very nearly a pound apiece, perfect in size and shape, and of a beautiful red or brown color. If pears can be grown like that, I do not see that you ought to try to prevent the people from growing it. It depends altogether where it is grown. I know it scabs in a great many places; but I think the scab is not such a bugbear now as it has been in the past. I think that should be left as it was.

Mr. BOULTER: We have been buying pears for eleven years, and I never yet, with the exception of one year, got good *Flemish Beauty* pears—buying from different parts of Canada. It is almost impossible to grow them without being cracked or specky.