

PRESIDENT HART.—Maturity has reference to the time of picking, and ripeness to its suitability for eating. Many of our fruits color more quickly in the package than on the tree.

PROFESSOR HIGGINS.—Does not that apply more particularly to the yellows than to the reds?

PRESIDENT HART.—Yes.

PROFESSOR MACOUN.—The first lot that went over to London was far inferior to the second; the former had been picked too green.

MR. SHAW.—Those who have tried the experiment, have found that apples picked before they were mature, kept longer than those picked later in the season.

MR. NORTH.—I have had some experience in picking apples early. A heavy gale broke from my Gravenstein trees about a half barrel of fruit, and I put them on a shelf in my cellar; about two weeks afterwards I picked the balance of the crop. The former lot kept for months after the last lot had become rotten.

THE SECRETARY.—I think there is a difference in the variety as to the time that they should be gathered, some requiring to be left on the trees to mature, while it is necessary to pick others at an earlier stage. The "St. Lawrence" was received in London on the 20th September; they had been gathered quite green, and many of them were more or less decayed. On the 28th Sept. we received a further consignment of the same variety, from the same locality, and they turned out in good condition. Later on we received a consignment from Montreal, some of the varieties of which were in excellent condition. At that time the Gravensteins showed many slack barrels and spotted apples; but the following boat brought this variety in a more satisfactory state.

On motion of W. H. BLANCHARD and DR. CHIPMAN, the report was received and adopted.

FRUIT GROWING IN CANADA: ITS PRESENT CONDITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR W. SAUNDERS.

The subject of fruit culture is one of great importance to Canada. The shipments of fruit to other countries bring us yearly a large sum of money. As an article of diet, fruit is also of great value to us all. It is a luxury to which many of us have become so accustomed that