

aware how easy it is to allow a fruit farm *not* to pay ; in other words, to realize, and it may be to impress upon others who intend to follow the pursuit, the necessity of unremitting care and vigilance in the selection of trees, in the planting, in subsequent attention in the matter of spraying, so as to destroy the voracious pests which are ever ready to appreciate good fruit ; and furthermore, the equally all-important matter of skilful and judicious packing, in order to secure success, which however may surely be obtained in due time by perseverance and skill.

I think we may feel that Mr. Craig, although he dealt with various classes of fruit culture, and various districts in the Dominion, displayed a judicious impartiality. That is a quality which of course always appeals to a Governor General. Mr. Craig did perhaps indicate a leaning, if anything, towards the Spy and the Baldwin ; but I am sure he would not go so far as a worthy fruit grower who at an Association meeting remarked that if he had a hundred trees to plant, he would select Baldwins for ninety-nine of the lot. "May I ask," said another member, "what variety the gentleman would select for the hundredth tree?" "A Baldwin, sir."

His Excellency concluded by saying some kind things in reference to the work of the Experimental Farm officers and by expressing appreciation of the service rendered to the public by the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club in providing the valuable series of lectures of which the one we have had the pleasure of hearing to-night was a typical example. He wished the Club continued success in the future.

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