

A. J. PINEO said many farms in Pictou are very like Kings County farms, having all sorts of soils. It only remained to select suitable spots and plant suitable varieties.

REV. MR. THOMPSON considered, for agricultural purposes, Pictou was ahead of Kings County, but the soil of Pictou County was not so well adapted to fruit-growing. Would not advise planting Nonpareil trees, they will not do well here.

MR. PORTER said he had raised some fruit, but for want of knowledge had not succeeded as well as he could wish. He had suffered from the black spot on the Bishop Pippin. Had several varieties and believed Gravenstein would do well. Asked for information *re* black spot.

The SECRETARY replied referring Mr. Porter to the Reports of the Association and read from Inspector Klees' paper as the latest authority on the subject. Advised the thorough drainage of clay ground if such was to be used for orchards, and gave some notes of the sales of apples in the English markets.

Meeting adjourned till 7 P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Meeting re-assembled at 7.30, the Hall being well filled. VICE-PRESIDENT MUNROE in the Chair.

*Question*: "What varieties of apples are best suited to Pictou County orchards?"

DR. MUNROE said for autumn varieties he had found Red Astrachan a rapid grower, even in grass land, and fairly productive. Early Harvest grew well, but subject to black spot. Oldenburg, a thrifty tree, and bears large quantities of fine fruit. Alexander, one of the best for evaporating. Fall Jennetting, a very healthy and vigorous grower—a good stock for grafting. Many of the native apples come in competition with these sorts. The Fameuse, one of the finest grown, and keeps well up to March. The Gravenstein, the prince of apples, will grow almost anywhere and do well. Bellflower does well on dry banks. Baldwin is tender and not very satisfactory. Golden Russet, a clean grower but too small fruit. King, one of the largest and handsomest apples grown, but has more culls than Golden Russett. The Ribston does not seem to be healthy and vigorous enough for Pictou.

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