

he then proceeds to grow better fruit of that particular class or kind than any one else. In connection with this I think there is a big subject for thought and action on the part of the fruit growers in selecting and propagating only from the finest types of each variety. We do this in animal breeding, why not in plant propagation? Who is there who has not one Fameuse tree that bears nearly every year better apples and more of them than its neighbors under the same conditions. Why not propagate from this one? Why not topgraft some of those chronically unprofitable ones with scions from the good tree—and so with St. Lawrence, Bourassa, Wealthy and Canada Baldwin. Have we not paid too much attention to the variety, and not enough to the individual? There is infinite variation in nature and *man the cultivator* should select only the best.

With pleasant recollections of our former meetings and best wishes for a profitable round up at this session, I am,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN CRAIG.

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Mr. Hamilton—Mr. Craig has drawn our attention to considerations of very great practical importance. Neat packages, and attention both to size and color, make a great deal of difference in the price obtained. Quality again is not always necessary for commercial success. Ben Davis, for instance, is a very poor apple, but it often sells exceedingly well.

Mr. Shepherd briefly expressed the pleasure of the Society in visiting Cowansville, and their gratitude for the interest shown by the residents in the proceedings, especially for the presence of a number of ladies. It was a lady who influenced a man to take the first apple, and the Pomological Association were always pleased to see them. He moved the following resolution, which was carried amid applause:—

The compliment was acknowledged by Mayor McKinnon and Senator Baker, who expressed their sense of the advantage to be derived by the locality by papers and addresses such as they had heard.

The proceedings then terminated.