

Peck's Pleasant, which is a good bearer and a good apple. I think there is more money in Baldwins and Greenings than in any other apples we raise. We have a dozen different kinds of Russets; but I would not advise anyone here to grow Russets, as they become deformed. The Spitzenberg used to be a good apple some years ago, but this fall a gentleman asked me to get him a barrel, and I could not get a barrel of good ones in the whole county of Essex. The Talman Sweet is a good apple; it is not an extra fine dessert apple, but I never saw its equal as a baking apple. The Northern Spy is a good apple, but I think it is less suited to our light soil than to a heavier land. I am a great admirer of the Fall Pippin, but there is not much money made in growing it. Seek-no-further bears very well with us. St. Lawrence is a good apple when it is ripe, but you want to get there the night before or it will be rotten next morning. The Ribston Pippin, though a good apple, is not an extra bearer with us, and the Fall Pippin is a shy bearer. The Duchess is I think a kind of first cousin to the St. Lawrence. It is a good cooking apple before it gets ripe. Another very good fall apple, that will stand shipping, is the Sherwood; it is a long striped apple, and is an extra apple to yield with us. Then there is the Maiden's Blush, we get about as perfect apples off it as from any tree that grows.

THE QUESTION DRAWER.

The following questions were discussed from the Question Drawer:

SHOULD EXHIBITORS OF FRUIT BE THE OWNERS OF IT?

Q.—Should fruit exhibited be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor?

The PRESIDENT.—I do not think anyone here will say otherwise.

President LYON.—We have for several years in Michigan given premiums for collections of fruit which may be gathered within a certain district, not exacting rigidly that they shall be of the exhibitor's own growth, but it is only in the case of those collections that exhibitors are allowed to cull from others. I think this plan has added greatly to the interest of the exhibition, because it shows the capabilities of the district from within which the fruit is drawn.

The PRESIDENT.—Are your people in Michigan all perfectly honest? We have a similar plan here in some of our fairs, and I have heard it more than hinted that when these people are making their collections of fruit they, at the same time, get a little to be exhibited as of their own growth.

President LYON.—We endeavor to draw the line very rigidly, and if any complaint is made it is always examined closely by the proper authorities.

The PRESIDENT.—I have heard it said that the man who won the medal at the last Toronto Exhibition collected almost all his exhibit, and raised only a very small proportion. I know that it is done in local fairs right along, and I think it is a very unfair thing and one with which this Society ought to deal if possible.

Mr. WILKINSON.—I have been connected with fairs in this district for thirty or forty years, and have filled almost every office, and I do not think it is fair to allow any but *bona fide* producers. There have actually been cases where a *bona fide* exhibitor has been beaten by fruit of his own growth exhibited by some one who has collected fruit to show. The only excuse is that a finer display may be made by getting together a fine collection.

The SECRETARY.—The only thing that can be done to remedy it that I can see is to pass a resolution in this way, that in the opinion of this Association every exhibitor of fruits at any fairs should be required to sign a written certificate that the fruit he exhibits is of his own growth, and that there should be some forfeit in case it is shown that such exhibit is not as represented.

Mr. WILKINSON.—That he should forfeit all prizes, and be debarred from again exhibiting for two years.