

The SECRETARY—I would take exception to the yellow Bellflower, both for market and home use. I have had most unsatisfactory experience for many years. It is a most unreliable bearer and you cannot depend on its form or size. It should not be commended, unless it grows better in northern Ontario than in southern Ontario.

Mr. A. MORRIS (Fonthill)—What the secretary says is true of the Niagara district; but north of lake Ontario it is one of the best apples that grows. Mr. Beall's list does not give enough winter varieties for the northern section. I would add Seek-no-further, Tolman Sweets, St. Lawrence, and I think the Mann would stand the climate as far as Lindsay; and for the extreme north the new rough apple called Anis, which grows in Russia six hundred miles further north than Quebec. It has fruited with us on small trees, and the quality and size resemble Rhode Island Greening. In regard to seedlings, the bulk of them that are grown from seed will be tender. There are only a few that are any hardier than the ordinary run of apples, so there is nothing to gain in growing them as hardy stock to top-graft. Another objection to them is that some are slow-growing, and if you graft a fast-growing top on that it never makes as good a fruit as a top-grafted or budded tree.

Mr. BEALL—A friend of mine had a yellow Bellflower in his orchard, and liked it very much. He top-grafted three other trees. Two of these trees—quite young—bore smaller apples; the third bore, and continues to bear apples more than double the size of the original or either of the other two. My opinion is that there was some influence from the stock. They have been ruled out at fairs as not being the same apple, although the scions came from the same tree.

Mr. P. C. DEMPSEY (Trenton)—The Cellini is a very superior, very productive, beautiful apple, and with me it is quite as hardy as the Duchess of Oldenburg. They mature in October, usually. I took a yellow Bellflower tree, sawed the top off, and put Ben Davis on, but the Davis was perfectly worthless, and I concluded that the Bellflower was no good to graft other varieties on; but the Bellflowers produced on the tree when the Ben Davis was growing on it were very superior and attained enormous size; so we sawed off the Ben Davis, and finally sawed down the tree. (Laughter.) Can anyone explain why this was the case? The Bellflower, in all places I have seen it growing, to all appearance will produce superior fruit one year, then for three or four years perfectly discouraging, then again give a nice crop. It is a poor apple—not a nice color, and does not open up in good shape. We want a red apple. The La Rue is found in the eastern portion of our Province. Many of them get as large as a large King, and very pretty indeed. I have never seen them growing, but you will find them in all the eastern exhibitions. I believe the best apple seedling cultivated to-day is the Trenton. (Hear, hear.) I have fruited it for six years, and have not seen one killed during the whole time. It is not a winter apple; it comes just a little ahead of the Snow. It is a seedling of the Golden Russet. It is prettier than the Snow. It is a delicious melting, crispy apple. It is destined to take a high place if it succeeds in other sections as well as in ours. There is only one nursery firm has it—the Beadle firm.

Mr. JOHN WATSON (Dixie)—I have been an apple raiser and buyer for twenty years, and can endorse all the secretary said about the Bellflower. You can't grow it on clay land. Wherever you get a good Bellflower it is on a warm sandy loam.

The SECRETARY—I have a sandy loam, and it does not succeed there.

Mr. CASTON (Craighurst)—In Simcoe county, particularly in the northern part of it, the Northern Spy is no use. You have to wait about sixteen years for fruit; and as soon as it begins to bear it begins to die. The Greening is no use at all in Simcoe. Seek-no-further does very well. It is a good keeper, but not much of a bearer. Tolman Sweet will keep as long as most of our apples except the Russet, and is as hardy as the Duchess. You can't get any variety for top-grafting better than the Tolman Sweet. The Alexander is generally classed as a fall apple. I think it will keep about as long as the Wealthy. It is one of the hardest and best bearers we have in our section. Two years ago the St. Lawrence spotted so badly that it was of no use. They spoiled on the tree. They