

E. ILLSLEY had been interested in shipping fruit for ten years, and was disgusted with the way we were used by the steamship men. They had used the farmer shamefully. He thought the farmers of the Valley had capital enough, and energy enough to handle their own shipments, and do it in a satisfactory manner. Every fruit grower had a personal interest in this matter, and we should take decided steps for an improvement in our shipping facilities.

A. WHITMAN asked if the Association understood the significance of the rebate. He had heard in some instances of heavy shippers getting a rebate of 20 cents per barrel freight. If that were so, why could not the Association combine and make a large shipment, and thereby secure the rebate. He hoped this scheme would be successful, and would do all in his power to aid in making it a success. We were complete servants to the carrying companies, and if some change were not made we may as well stop growing apples.

MR. ELLS said he had been working on this scheme some time. He did not think it advisable to ask any guarantee as to shipments by the company, the company was only a guarantee of capital if needed. There were plenty of steamers in New York, and they would readily come if freight could be assured. He thought it advisable to make the company as large as possible, if we could get five hundred men in it, if only for one share each, it would create a wide-spread interest, and interested men were what we wanted.

The next topic, "Spraying for Fungous Diseases," was then introduced by the President.

E. ILLSLEY said his neighbor had sprayed thoroughly during the last season, and he could not see that his neighbor's fruit was any better than his own.

J. T. JACKSON.—Did not know if spraying was the cause, but he shipped about one-fourth of his apples, comprising the culls and scabby fruit to Halifax, and they realized more per barrel than his first apples did in London.

H. BOND had also sometimes had the same experience, getting as much for inferior fruit in Halifax as for choice in London.

A. WHITMAN was a believer in spraying with fungicides, and thought it was important that we should all use this means of freeing our orchards from scab and insects. He had noticed that the Ontario