

Mr. Morris, of Fonthill, said that Williams' dryer gave good satisfaction. He thought the use of these dryers should be encouraged all over the country.

Mr. Woodward, of Lockport, said the apple-drying business was a profitable one, and growers would do well not to work in apples which are only fit for hogs. Again, they put unripe apples in the market. This was a bad policy, and they would lose money by it in the end. The Russets gave the largest product of dried apples. Again, dryers were now marking the name of the apple on the packages, so that buyers would know what they were buying, as all kinds of apples did not make equally good pies. Drying peaches was also found to be a very profitable business.

Mr. Bucke, said that he thought it would be a profitable business for Canadians to dry fruit for the West Indian market.

Mr. Beadle said a friend of his in California had received an order from England for thirty tons of canned apricots, showing that a large trade could be built up in fruits.

Mr. Bucke said there was a large vegetable drying establishment in St. Marys.

Mr. Smith said, in reply to a question, that the process of drying vegetables was similar to that of drying fruit. Black raspberries were a very profitable fruit for drying purposes.

#### SOIL FOR FRUIT TREES.

"What soil and what condition of surface soil is most conducive to the growth of apple and other fruit trees?"

The Secretary stated that soil which was adapted to some trees was wholly unsuited for others. For apple trees he should recommend a firm soil, abounding with lime. The soil made a great difference in the flavor and quality of the fruit grown on it. He could tell by the flavor of some apples what soil they were grown on. The sub-soil he preferred should be light and porous; but if he had to choose between a very light soil and a stiff clay he would take the clay for apple growing.

Mr. White found a gravelly soil some 8 or 10 feet deep produce a very abundant crop in his part of the country. Mr. Young's experience was that a clay loam, that is a clay sub-soil and sandy surface, was excellent. The trees, however, did not hold out so well as those in a stronger soil.