

are aware of the deep and untiring interest which our fellow-member, Mr. Charles Gibb, takes in all things that may tend to promote the interests of fruit-growing, especially in this province. The result of his journey to Europe last year and of his observations while travelling through Russia and other countries has already been placed in the hands of the members through the medium of the eighth report of this Society. These articles have excited a great deal of attention, have been extensively copied, and they are now about to be published in the forthcoming report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Mr. Beadle, the Secretary, having applied for permission to do so. Mr. Gibb was fortunate enough to obtain some specimens of some of the best known of the Russian varieties of fruit to show at the late exhibition. Mr. Webster, of South Northfield, Vt., also took a great deal of pains in getting together a fine collection of these Russian varieties, which were also shown, and the Society is much indebted to these gentlemen for the trouble and pains taken in making the collections. Of course, the fruit referred to was American grown. A small collection of Russian-grown fruit, consisting of apples and pears, having been sent to Mr. Wm. Evans from Riga, were exhibited in the Messrs. Dawson's window and attracted considerable notice. Some of the specimens arrived in very good condition indeed, but others were very much injured and of no use. However, the knowledge now gained about Russian fruits through actual observation would have taken several years of experimenting to acquire.

Acting on a suggestion in the report of last year, an effort was made the past season to look up our own native apples, and see if among them were not to be found some worthy at least of trial. Mr. Jack undertook the duty of looking through the County of Chateauguay, and Mr. Hamilton through Beauharnois and Vaudreuil Counties. The fruit being poor this year and scarce, the season was not as favourable for the object sought as it might have been. However, a fine collection of seedling apples was got together, those coming from the orchard of Mr. J. W. Newman, Lachine, being specially admired. A large committee was named to examine and report on both the native and Russian varieties, Mr. Hamilton having charge of the report on the former, and Mr. Charles Gibb on the latter. The native apples shown excited a great deal of interest among some of the gentlemen from a distance who had acted as judges, and who

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