

A. B. PARKER advocated the use of small barrels. Half barrels realized twenty per cent more than large ones. The smaller and neater the package the better. Would protest against restrictions as to kinds of wood used in manufacturing barrels.

LEONARD FITCH thought we should be allowed to use whatever wood was best suited for our trade.

J. M. PARKER suggested that pine should be prohibited.

ARCH. WALKER said that Yellow or Norway pine made best heads.

JOHN FOSTER said that apples kept best in pine barrels. The heads should be thicker and stronger than generally made.

The PRESIDENT thought the reverse—three-fourths to seven-eighths of an inch quite thick enough.

SHIPPY SPURR asked where the Starr Packing Co. got their barrels. J. S. TOWNSEND & Co. advised the use of such barrels.

The SECRETARY said they were made at their warehouse, Port Williams Station.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :

*Whereas*, It appears from information at hand that the Hon. Minister of Inland Revenues has introduced a bill into the House of Commons respecting the size and quality of apple barrels,

*Therefore resolved*, That while this Association heartily approve of any efforts to establish uniformity in the size of apple barrels, they are compelled quite as forcibly to protest against a law that requires the exclusive use of hard wood and bass wood, as impracticable for Nova Scotia fruit growers, those woods not being obtainable in sufficient quantities.

*Further resolved*, That as the kind of wood used is a matter directly affecting individual interests, it should be left entirely with such individuals to select such wood as may best suit his particular trade.

The following paper on "BEAUTIFYING OUR HOME SURROUNDINGS," by Mr. P. R. JONES, late of London, England, was read by the SECRETARY :

The most marked difference between the appearance of farmhouses in Nova Scotia and in England is the utter want of any approach to a