

market. Your Secretary can tell you that apples went over to England, which he had recommended, but after their arrival he regretted having anything to do with them. An apple shipped in a ripe condition, and kept in the atmosphere of the vessel, is not the apple that meets with the tastes of the Englishmen; and if he gets a bad apple one year, he will not buy that variety the following year. We should allow them to ripen, not here, but in England. John Bull wants a good thing, and he is willing to pay for it when he gets it.

REV. MR. HEMEON.—Is it advisable to pull apples early, and before they are ripe?

Many voices.—No, no.

PROFESSOR MACOUN.—Heat ripens apples. I know farmers who cut their wheat just before it is ripe, and they say that they can get more flour from it on that account.

DR. CHIPMAN.—Is it not true that certain varieties always bring good prices? If that be so, we should raise those particular kinds. In my opinion we have too many varieties.

R. W. STARR.—I think there is a proper time to pick all fruit, and that is when it will break from the tree with a slight bend upwards. I know that there was a large proportion of the fruit sent over to London on the 14th September last, that had been picked in an unripe condition, and when they arrived there they were lacking in flavor, and were somewhat wilted. The second steamer must have carried over a much better lot than the first one, but the market was not so good. If fruit is shipped early, we should go over the trees carefully, and avoid all unripe specimens, and take only the 'matured ones.

PROFESSOR HIGGINS.—There may be some question as to when an apple is ripe. If we allow it to stand on the trees until it reaches its full growth and color, it is not then nearly so good for eating purposes as it is at an earlier stage. Then there is the Gravenstein, which does not get ripe until a month after it is picked, and the Nonpareil does not ripen until the month of February or March.

R. W. STARR.—There are some fruits that are suitable for the table perhaps one week after being taken from the tree, but such a variety would not be fit for foreign markets. There is a difference between maturity and ripeness.

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