

Mr. GIBB—I have a tree of it, and it is my best winter apple. It is only of medium size, sometimes below, and usually pretty well colored, but it is an acid apple. As a long keeper I have nothing to equal it taken all in all. In Grand Isle, which Dr. Hoskins speaks of, and which is a very short distance from the land, you can see beautiful specimens of trees. My experience with the Wealthy is not quite the same as Dr. Hoskins'. I find the Wealthy overbears. I have lost no trees of Wealthy yet. I have thirty-six in my orchard, eighteen of which were planted eleven years ago, and the remainder nine years ago. So I have fairly old trees, and it has been fruited for a few years back very heavily, and suffer from exhaustion by overbearing.

Mr. WRIGHT.—I have Scott's Winter from Dr. Hoskins, and have had no trouble with it at all; five trees I had were very hardy, and the fruit of a beautiful color, and with good keeping qualities.

BEST FIVE VARIETIES OF APPLES FOR CARLETON COUNTY.

Mr. WRIGHT.—Speaking on this question I should say first and foremost is the Yellow Transparent, the earliest ripener we have. Then the Duchess of Oldenburg, Alexander, Scott's Winter and the Wealthy. I would not have Tetofsky; Yellow Transparent is earlier and the fruit finer, and it does not drop fruit as the Tetofsky does. I would like to add a sixth, the Peach of Montreal.

Dr. HURLBURT.—I would suggest that gentlemen who have hardy trees in the colder parts of Canada should send in their list, and let the selection be made from these by a committee. I have no doubt Mr. Gibb has many varieties that would stand the climate here and produce well, and perhaps some other gentlemen have.

Mr. BUCKE.—The Peach and Alexander both blight very badly about Ottawa, and would not do at all.

Mr. BRODIE (Montreal).—The Montreal Peach is reckoned one of the hardest with us, but the Alexander does blight badly. Last season, however, I saw nice Montreal Peach apples selling for two dollars, while you could get from three to four dollars for the Alexander. That is grown in the immediate vicinity of Montreal, but when they are from the West they are a little on the green side in the picking. As for blight, I have not noticed it at all in the Peach. I would recommend to plant sparingly of it, but would advise amateurs to have a few trees for their own use; not for profit.

Mr. A. M. SMITH.—I like the idea suggested by Dr. Hurlburt, of forming a committee. I recently attended a Horticultural meeting in New York State, and there they have a committee from each county to report not only on the production of fruit, but of the different varieties adapted to each locality. I think we should have a committee from each of our agricultural districts here, to send into the Secretary a list of the varieties best adapted to their respective districts; and that these committees should report at the Annual Meeting, and their report be embodied in the Report of the Association. I think this would be of great advantage to the country at large.

The PRESIDENT.—This matter was referred to the entire Association a few years ago, and each director was supposed to get a list of the varieties of apples, pears, plums and grapes grown in his own district, and mark with a star those varieties possessed of great hardiness or other valuable qualities. I know that a number of the districts were not reported upon, and I think it would be well if the reports were continued periodically; because newer varieties of more value are coming in from time to time to take the place of others.

Mr. BUCKE.—The report has been in the Report of the Association two years running. I think in Michigan it is kept up almost every year, and I think with you that it should be changed from time to time. If you go back three or four years you will find in the report the list for all the counties in Canada; I got up the list for this county.

Dr. HURLBURT.—I would suggest that the seedlings should not be forgotten. I find in this region that for cooking purposes they are in many instances preferable to