

sufficient fruit grown here to supply local demands and load steamers for London at Pictou Harbour.

DR. MUNRO said his trees had been badly broken down by snow.

W. A. FILLMORE advocated supporting the trees by a slanting stake which he considered better than a straight stake.

The SECRETARY did not approve of staking, good trees properly planted on well-drained soil required no stakes. The breaking of trees by snow was due to the habit of allowing trees to branch out close to the ground. The trees should have but one stalk about four feet high, the branches would then be above the snow and would not be injured in the way spoken of by the Chairman.

W. O. CREIGHTON advised going through the orchard about once a fortnight with pruning shears and hoe, cultivating the soil about the trees, and clipping the branches in such a way as to form good and well balanced head to each. The greatest trouble with Pictou farmers was want of faith, they were not willing to take care of the orchards and wait. His knowledge of fruit growing was due to members of this Association, and he urged all present to become members and place themselves in touch with the fruit-growers of the Western Counties who had had a successful experience.

T. E. SMITH presented figures obtained from several orchardists in Kings County showing the profits of fruit-growing in that county, and was confident Pictou could do as well with proper management.

REV. MR. THOMPSON said certain varieties could be grown as well in Pictou as in Annapolis, but it required time and care to bring about good results. It was a shame the way most trees were neglected. We must use manure and cultivate the trees if we are to succeed. He had been a member of the Ontario F. G. A. for some years and received many hints from this source.

MR. STROMBURG had travelled much in Pictou County, and was satisfied the soil is good for almost any kind of fruit. Urged more attention to cultivation and pruning and also insect enemies. The bark louse is at this date hatching, and trees affected should be washed with potash water. The borer is not so troublesome when the trees are kept cultivated.

T. E. SMITH was surprised to hear that Pictou County could grow apples of superior flavour to those grown in Annapolis.