

Mr. CASTON: There have not been a great many sent to the Old Country from our section; we ship more of the later varieties; but for the markets nearer us, round the north part of the Province, where they do not grow many apples, there is nothing sells better than the Snow. Everybody wants a few barrels of them any way.

Mr. EDWARDS (Peterborough): I think the Northern Spy is the apple which is most commonly grown here as a winter apple, and is found to be very successful in this locality, growing a good size and good color and quality. The Blenheim Orange I have found in my own experience a very good winter apple, and it would keep fairly well into the late part of the winter.

Mr. CASTON: Is it not a shy bearer?

Mr. EDWARDS : No ; we find it a very fair bearer—fairly regular and fairly good crops. For fall apple the St. Lawrence goes very well in this neighborhood ; and for the earlier season the Duchess, I think, is usually the best, and in this locality it grows very well and seems to have a very good flavor and is very finely colored. As fair as profit is concerned, I should put the Blenheim Orange, from my experience, above all as the most valuable.

The PRESIDENT: Now, you notice in the circulars just distributed, that the list is revised for the various districts. We would like to get your views as to which are the most valuable sorts for the various districts.

Mr. GILES (Peterborough): I find that the Pewaukee is a very good apple, but it has one very bad fault—it falls off the tree very much. I don't know whether the trouble is with my land, or what it is. If it would not fall off, it would take the place of the Northern Spy. The Spy holds first place, but I think the Pewaukee is just as good as it, barring that fault.

The PRESIDENT: Does it fall before it is ripe?

Mr. GILES: Yes.

Mr. BOULTER (Pictou) : I have read this list over and have been surprised at some of the varieties that have been classed as first-class and desirable to be cultivated. The mistake of most apple-growers to-day is in planting too many varieties. You must select according to climatic conditions. My friend young Mr. Dempsey told me yesterday that he had realized more money from his Snows this year, per tree, than any other apple that he produced. I have been favorably impressed this year with the Snow as a commercial apple ; but hitherto they were so scabby that I had to throw away quite a few that I had bought for my factory. As to value of winter apple, my buyer this fall had more enquiries for Northern Spy and Baldwin than any other varieties grown in Prince Edward County ; and they would bring more money per barrel. He had orders for Spies to go to Prince Edward Island. I don't know why the Spy has not been classed as one of our first-class shipping varieties. I have seen it printed that no gentleman would place the Northern Spy on his table as one of the first apples grown in Ontario. I think to the contrary. Properly cultivated where the sun can get at it, we can grow as fine Northern Spys as can be grown anywhere ; and American friends who have been visiting me say they have never tasted any apple grown anywhere in the States that can come up to the flavor of the Northern Spy. The Duchess is a first-class apple. The Colvert I think very little of ; it is a tasteless apple, though nice to handle. If we use Colverts we have to buy Jenettings to flavor them with.

The SECRETARY: What would you leave off from that list for No. 4 if you wished the Spy included, and we will have it changed?

Mr. BOULTER: The Ben. Davis is really a good apple; I believe it is as good an apple as we can grow, knowing what I do of the English market.

Mr. CASTON: Its principal market value is not its quality, but the good shape in which it gets there?

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