

and had the pleasure of meeting the Horticultural Society of British Columbia, and fine samples of the summer fruit were brought forward; but it bears out exactly what I say, and I will stake my reputation as a man that they will never grow a good winter apple in British Columbia outside of the Valley. The trees I saw at Agassiz are nearly all summer trees. There are points where you could grow probably a good winter apple; but I wish I could have brought home the report of the Horticultural Association of Vancouver Island, saying that after twenty years of honest, earnest endeavor to grow a good winter apple they failed. The climate around there is too moist to grow them successfully. The summer fruit was very nice. The trees on the farm look very odd. They are all grown very close to the ground—not pruned up to get the sun and air to color them. I have yet to learn where they can grow a good winter apple in British Columbia; but no finer plums and cherries can be grown on the continent of America, and strawberries and good summer and early fall apples can be grown in British Columbia. In Okanagan Valley, where Lord Aberdeen has spent so much money, he may succeed in growing hardy winter apples, but outside of that I doubt if they can be grown.

Mr. BURRELL: You don't consider the flavor of the British Columbia plums as good as Ontario?

Mr. BOULTER: They are large and more like the California.

Mr. BURRELL: All the pears and plums tend to elongation in British Columbia?

Mr. BOULTER: Yes.

Mr. BURRELL: The flavor of the fruit from Agassiz at the Toronto Exhibition was much inferior to the Ontario fruit.

A DELEGATE asked if it was likely if we would have a good crop all over Ontario in one year.

The SECRETARY: I have sent over 1,500 barrels to the old country this year and am receiving returns every fortnight or so, and the price has averaged from \$1 to \$1.25 and in some cases \$1.50 per barrel; and I don't think we ought to be altogether discouraged and give up the business and dig out our orchards from the present full year of apple growing. It is not a very great income we get from the apple orchard at those prices, but I think we can live and produce even at those prices.

Mr. A. M. SMITH: What other farm crop, even allowing the low prices of the fruit, has paid any better than the fruit crop?

Mr. HAYCOCK: I think we can account for the over-production of plums, etc., in another way than has been advanced so far. We will have to go back a year in order to get the real cause of the over-production and the low prices of plums this year. A year ago last May there was a general frost throughout the district, and fruits of all kinds were almost totally destroyed in the western part of Canada; consequently there was no fruit last year; and this year there was not only an over-crop of plums but of every other kind of fruit—strawberries and raspberries, wild and tame, and currants and gooseberries and every kind of fruit. They, coming into competition with the plums, brought a glut in the fruit—not in plums alone, but in the same class of goods, in fruits, and the consequence was that plums and grapes, coming in rather late, the good housewives through this country had their jam jars all filled, consequently there were lower prices than you need look for again. It is hardly likely that there will be another year when there will be such a general good crop of all kinds of fruit as there has been through Ontario this year. I think that is one reason why the later fruits this year got such extremely low prices. Then the prospects of a good crop of apples prevented people from laying in a larger store of canned goods for winter.

Mr. GROFF (Simcoe): A representative of a large fruit firm in Detroit told me that during the plum season they had to keep two men busy all the time breaking the California packages and transferring them to domestic packages in order to sell them, on account of the unpopularity of California fruit. In regard to the general question, it is

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