

PACKAGES.

The PRESIDENT.—The next question is "Should Raspberries be sold in pint baskets?"

The SECRETARY.—I have had no experience in pint baskets for raspberries, but I have noticed that in the New York market raspberries are sold in pints and as small measures as thirds or half pints. That seems a good deal of wood for a very small amount of fruit, but I think that in a quart box too many raspberries are put together; they pack very close and you get more than a quart of raspberries in a quart measure it seems to me. If the basket were not quite so deep it would be an advantage, and for that reason I think the pint would be better.

Mr. CRAIG.—The pint basket is growing in favor in Chicago and other western markets.

Mr. MORTON.—I am in favor of a shallow basket as ripe raspberries break down more easily than strawberries, and even in the latter with some varieties we are bothered in the same way.

Mr. RACE.—The fact that one has no guarantee of fruit reaching its destination in good condition has a bad effect upon the demand. It is impossible in any of our smaller towns to get a basket of peaches delivered. I had some experience in that way last year when getting peaches from the secretary. Could there not be some light cover devised that would protect us from pilfering?

The SECRETARY.—I do not think that applies so much to crates in which we ship small fruits as to peaches, which we cover with leno.

Mr. RACE.—I know we would get many more plums and peaches if we knew we could get such packages as I suggest. As it is we know there is a very great risk, as the express companies tell us it is difficult to deliver a consignment in good shape to a private individual, because it is supposed that the latter is not so likely to complain as a large dealer. As soon as I let them know I was a director of this Association they stopped the pilfering at once.

Mr. BUCKE.—The best way would be to ship by weight and if there is any difference when they are delivered let the express company bear the damage.

A MEMBER.—I sent some peaches from Winona to a friend in Hamilton last fall and the next morning when he got them there were two of the worst looking baskets of trash you ever saw.

Mr. RACE.—There would be a large increase in the demand for fruit from my locality if there was any assurance that fruit shipped to us by express would be delivered in anything like proper condition.

A MEMBER.—If the baskets were fixed in the way you suggest would the consumers pay extra for the fruit—the extra cost?

Mr. RACE.—The additional expense would be very small; you would only have to add a little more to the price of the fruit, and I know the people up north would be willing to pay a little more if there was any assurance of the fruit reaching them in good condition.

The SECRETARY.—A wooden cover could be had for about a cent a basket, which could be wired down, in addition to the leno covering.

Mr. CLINE.—I have had fruit stolen even from baskets with wooden covers wired on.

Mr. WELLINGTON.—There is no doubt this is a matter which should be taken up and some measures adopted to remedy it. I am in the habit of having sent to me in Toronto from my own place some choice specimens and I do not think that in any case has the package ever reached me in the condition in which it was dispatched. Some of the best clusters of grapes would be taken out of a basket and the same applies to peaches. A man who wants two baskets must have three sent him to make sure he will get the quantity he desires.

The
berries
transfer
Now, w

Mr.
Mr.
matter v
sent to
recover
that I
letter w
was, to
So it is
fear of s

A M
by havin
do for th
a good a
crates, w

Mr.
then abo
ion, whe

Mr.
upon wh

Th
be appoin
tion bear
Cline as

Mr.
There are
much do
liability i
The diffic
a case of
proved—
on the wa
the matte

Mr. C
have any
but it is a
look at it

Mr. L
press com
dishonesty
the effects
enough fo

Mr. V
to the abs
what the
punishmen
one to be

The A