

The committee appointed to examine the fruits upon the table reported that they found several seedling apples, shown by Ezekiel Smith, of Grimby, all sweet, and possessing no distinctive features to warrant their being disseminated.

Two varieties for a name, shown by A. M. Smith, one a sweet apple, firm flesh, and, apparently, a very good keeper, an improvement on Talman's Sweet. The committee do not know the name, but consider it worthy of cultivation. The other variety is a small, round, red apple, with numerous light dots, name not known to committee.

Some samples of Northern Spy, Golden Russet, King of Tompkins County, and Rhode Island Greening were shown by Mr. Woolverton, all fine specimens, except the Greenings.

Some medium samples of Baldwin and Newton Pippin, shown by Mr. Ball.

Five seedling apples, shown by Mr. J. Cowhead, of Brantford—No. 1 is considered good for cooking, though the sample having been frozen, the committee could not say definitely.

No. 2 did not seem to possess anything to recommend it.

No. 3 was of peculiar flavour, and worthy of trial.

No. 4 is very good, long keeper, tree said to be very hardy and a great cropper. The committee consider it a very promising apple, and well worthy of extensive trial.

No. 5 has a pleasant sub-acid flavour, but not superior to other apples of same season now in cultivation.

Also, three very fine specimens of Northern Spy, shown by the President.

A sample of Prince's St. Germain Pear was shown in a bad state of preservation.

Moved by Mr. Holton, seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith.

"That whereas it is desirable to encourage the propagation and introduction of seedling fruits of merit, suited to the climate of Canada.

"Be it therefore resolved that the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS be given by the Society for the best new seedling late winter apple; THIRTY DOLLARS for the best seedling harvest apple, and TWENTY DOLLARS for the best seedling autumn apple—these to be at least equal to the old popular varieties now in cultivation.

"Successful exhibitors shall place at the disposal of the Society scions of the prize fruit for distribution among its members, together with such information as to soil, location, growth of tree, &c., as the committee appointed by this Society to make the award may require."

Also resolved, "That George Leslie, D. W. Beadle, and the mover, be a committee to whom all such fruits shall be submitted, and who shall examine and report to the Society from time to time the results of their examination. Carried."

On motion, adjourned to 7:30 o'clock, p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

This session was first occupied in discussing the methods of gathering, packing, and preserving apples. Mr. O. T. Springer, who has had considerable experience, says that he picks and handles carefully his winter apples, packs them in clean barrels, heads them up, and then places them on their sides, keeping them in an out-shed as long as they can be left without danger from freezing, and then places them in a cellar that is as cool as possible, and at the same time free from frost.

Mr. Latslaw, of Paris—The picking should be very carefully done, when the fruit is dry, always gathering the fruit from the lower limbs first, and progressing upwards until all are gathered, packed into barrels as gathered, sorting the fruit carefully, and allowing no leaves to get into the barrel.

Several other members expressed similar opinions with regard to the best modes of gathering and preserving winter apples.

The Roxbury Russet and Golden Russet, of Western New York, were mentioned as being the best of the long keeping sorts. The Eopus Spitzenberg was considered by all to be one of the very best of the winter apples, being of fine appearance and superior flavour, but not a variety to be planted for profit.

A lengthened conversation was had upon the habits of certain insects injurious to fruit trees and fruit, in which much interesting and useful information was imparted by Mr. Saunders, of London, Entomologist to the Association.

It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

"That the best thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to Thos. Swinyard, Esq., Manager of the G. W. Railway, for his courtesy in granting the members return tickets over the road at quarter fare." (Carried.)

On motion of Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Arnold, Resolved,

"That the Hon. J. Carling be elected a life member of this Association." (Carried.)

On motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Saunders, it was resolved,

"That the thanks of the Association be returned to the County Council of the County of Wentworth for the free use of their Council Chamber, for the purposes of this meeting."

At 10 o'clock p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of the Directors of the Fruit-Growers' Association of Ontario.

Present—W. H. Mills, Esq., President; J. C. Rykert, Esq., Vice-President; Rev. R. Burnet, Chas. Arnold, J. R. Martin, W. Saunders, Lewis Springer, A. M. Smith, and the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Communication from Mr. J. Freed, respecting the offering of premiums for Strawberries was read.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to adopt the suggestions contained in Mr. Freed's communication at present.

Resolved that the President and Vice-President be requested to lay before the Commissioner of Agriculture the importance of obtaining an Annual Report on the subject of insects injurious to fruit and grains by a competent entomologist.

Resolved, that a prize of THIRTY DOLLARS be offered for the best essay on the cultivation of the Raspberry, Blackberry, Strawberry, and Currant, and a further prize of FIFTEEN DOLLARS for the second best essay. Each essay not to exceed eight printed pages, octavo, and to be forwarded to the Secretary, D. W. Beadle, Esq., at St. Catharines, on or before the first day of September next. Each essay to bear a motto, and to be accompanied with a sealed note having the motto endorsed upon the outside, and containing within the name of the author of the essay.

Resolved, that Messrs. W. L. Copeland and W. J. McCalla, of St. Catharines, be appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, with the request that when they have completed their audit they report in writing to the President.

Resolved, that the summer meeting of the Association be held in Galt, at a time to be fixed by the President, and that the subjects for discussion be the small fruits.

The Western New York Fruit Growers Society.

This society held its winter session in the city of Rochester on the 27th and 28th of January.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following questions were adopted for discussion, namely:

1. What variety of quince is worthy of cultivation?
2. Can the cultivation of the gooseberry be made profitable?
3. What varieties of the gooseberry are worthy of cultivation?
1. What species of deciduous trees are most desirable to plant for shade and ornament, or timber?
5. What species of evergreen trees are most desirable for planting for ornament or protection?
6. Can the cultivation of the plum be made profitable?
7. What varieties of plums are most profitable for market?
8. What varieties of plums are best for the amateur?
9. Should the originators of new varieties of fruit be protected by law, in the same manner as inventors?