

The Secretary asked for information upon quince culture. R. W. Starr said he thought they required surface culture. Dr. McLatchy said much depended upon the soil; they require moist soil. T. E. Smith said he had transplanted his quince trees from light soil to black mud and they were doing well now. Wm. Sutton said he had grown quinces for thirty years upon light sandy loam, manured on the surface. He considered them a profitable crop. Had sold them at auction in Halifax for thirty-five cents per dozen. Rev. Mr. Hart said he had seen the best success when rock weed was used for mulch. A. H. Johnson said he attributed Mr. Sutton's success to his having raised his own trees.

T. E. Smith asked for information as to the best varieties to graft in his nursery. A. H. Johnson said, graft Ribston Pippins, but don't sell Ribstons' to be planted in light soil. Baldwins, Nonpareils, Golden Russets, King of Tompkins, and Blenheim Pippins.

The Secretary endorsed the last speaker's views, excepting as to Baldwins—they fruited too irregularly.

R. W. Starr alluded to the difficult growing of Nonpareil and Ribston Pippin trees satisfactorily, and advised planting a portion of Gravensteins in every orchard.

Rev. Mr. Axford said his Nonpareil trees, in the shelter of the pines, were full of fruit, while those in the open had but few.

M. Longley said, he thought Blenheim Pippins a very fine apple, but recommended growing Gravensteins and Nonpareils for profit. Orchardists were prone to plant too many kinds; four or five varieties was enough.

R. Rand said it was the duty of the nurserymen to guide the purchaser in the selection of suitable sorts to meet the adaptability of their soils. It was great folly to plant too many kinds.

Mr. Smith recommended planting a portion of Gravensteins.

Mr. Longley asked for information as to when apples should be picked for foreign shipment. He thought it best to pick them a little green.

There was danger of leaving Ribstons on the trees too long, but Baldwins should be kept on trees as long as weather would permit.

Some discussion upon pruning ensued. Late spring pruning was recommended to set trees bearing.

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