

currants poor. Gooseberries free from mildew, moderate crop, with fewer insects. Late cherries a failure.

Wm. Roy, Owen Sound—Strawberry crop bad; about one-fourth crop of plums; apples materially injured either by rains or frost, or both—an average crop. No injury to pears, grapes or peaches.

W. McK. Ross, Chatham, spoke of ravages to strawberries and English cherries, but the common red cherry good. Peaches particularly good; also a good yield of pears. Apples good around Lake Erie. Grapes failed.

Jonas Neff, Port Colborne—Pears promised well before the frost. In less than three weeks not a pear was left except here and there one on the Flemish Beauty. Apples a failure. No plums or peaches of any account. An abundance of gooseberries and currants. Took only six quarts of strawberries off a quarter acre patch. They were of the New Dominion variety. Cherries a failure. Grapes were frozen to last year's wood. A plum tree which had been smoked with coal tar and sulphur, was loaded with fruit, while other trees in the same garden failed to perfect any fruit.

The President introduced Mr. Werden, a veteran fruit grower, who made some general observations on fruit culture. He recommended Lee's prolific black currants. He found no advantage in binding his plum trees with bandages smeared with coal tar; he had not tried smoking the trees.

Joseph Laing, of St. Thomas, corroborated generally the statements of previous speakers in reference to damage by frosts. A friend of his had used with complete success for three years, smoking pans with coal tar, in destroying curculio.

Geo. Leslie, of Toronto, gave an equally discouraging account of fruit prospects. In pears, Flemish Beauty had fared the best.

A. M. Smith, of Drummondville, said every description of fruit had suffered with him, and none would average more than half a crop.

J. Honsberger, of Jordan, reported apples, especially Northern Spy, a good yield. Peaches not more than half a crop. Crawford's and Foster's most injured by frost. The early Beatrice well loaded.

Col. Magill, Oshawa—Pear crop a failure; plums only one-third of a crop. Grapes good; apples half a crop.

Gage J. Miller, Niagara—Grapes completely cut down, after making six inches of wood; had fruited since from second wood; apples had escaped pretty well, but would not have more than half a crop. Pears injured, but promised fairly. Had a pear tree 100 years old, which he had grafted. Near the ground, owing to shelter of foliage above, they had escaped well, while his younger trees would not yield much. His plum trees never showed better; had not seen a curculio on his trees this year. He used last year the sheet and mallet. Had never smoked them. Peaches, light crop, currants good.

Messrs. Leslie, Werden, Roy and Dempsey, were appointed a committee to report on seedling fruit on exhibition.

The second question having been fully answered by the discussion on the First, the meeting proceeded to the consideration of the Third question.

#### WHAT NEW VARIETIES OF STRAWBERRIES ARE PROMISING WELL?

Mr. Biggar, of Drummondville, said the Great American promised well. He said the New Dominion was an excellent berry.

J. Laing, St. Thomas, says that the Monarch of the West is doing well.

Mr. Taylor cultivated only the Wilson.

A. Morse had some new varieties, but not sufficiently tested to report.

A. M. Smith, Drummondville, had several new varieties, one known as Arnold's 40 promised well. Among the most promising he had fruited was one from Ohio, known as the Cumberland Triumph. It yielded better than the Wilson. Had fruited some plants of the Great American. It was a fair variety, large size, and a little later than the Wilson. The Monarch of the West had good qualities, but was a little soft and did not ripen evenly. The Stirling bore sparingly this year, but was of fine flavour. The Late

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