

Some years ago he had heard it stated that the finest cranberries in the world grew on this island, and this statement was confirmed by the gentleman he alluded to. In the year 1859 he had visited Cape Cod, and had seen the cranberry patches there, and even at that date they were being cultivated successfully. He thought that the tendency nowadays was to grow the berry without water. Mr. McNeil, of Melvern Square, had stated to him that he could grow them on dry land successfully. With reference to the question of marketing the cranberries in London he had some correspondence on the matter about four years ago, and he had then concluded that in the London market they would realize about four dollars a barrel to the exporter.

The SECRETARY stated that the price obtainable for cranberries sent to London would be about four dollars a barrel. He had sent over a few barrels himself and realized about that price.

The discussion on this question then ceased, and the following question was taken up and debated :—

“What is the cause of the occasional bursting of bark on the trunks of apple trees, and the remedy therefor?”

The CHAIRMAN said that this question was a very important one, and that considerable difficulty was experienced in endeavoring to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the trouble.

MR. B. STARRATT stated in answer to a question of one of the members as to whether this peculiar trouble had been observed at any place west of Windsor, that there was plenty of such trouble in the section where he lived. He knew of two instances which he might mention. In the first instance there was a sandy surface, the soil not being very light, and the other case was in connection with trees situated on the side of a hill. The soil was richer in the one case than in the other, and there were about a dozen trees in each orchard. Both orchards had been cultivated for years, though not highly cultivated, and one orchard had been recently trimmed. The orchard on the hillside, sloping towards the North, had not been trimmed; but the other orchard on the level land had received pretty close trimming within the last two years. Last spring (1889) it was noticed that about a dozen trees in each orchard were dead. These trees were about thirty years old, and up to that time were in good