

and others, answer very well. We can grow successfully enough good varieties to enable us to dispense with inferior apples. I fail to see, for instance, why it is necessary for this Association to recommend an apple like the Ben Davis, whose chief merit is that it is a good keeping apple, and that it may be sold to those who have not yet found it out.

The soil in this neighborhood is generally well adapted to the growth of apples, whilst the rolling character of the country makes drainage an easy matter.

Some sections, such as the township of South Monaghan, are admirably suited to the growth of plums, and large quantities are grown in that township with very little care or trouble. Black-knot is a great source of trouble.

Pears, in general, succeeded well until the blight of the last few years destroyed many of the trees. I have two or three kinds which are not affected by blight and grow freely.

Cherries, as a rule, do not succeed well, and are apt to be winter-killed.

Peaches are quite beyond our reach, except as a sort of curiosity. This last season Mr. Nesbitt had some very fine peaches ripen in his garden, from seedling trees which had grown up without any protection.

A few varieties of grapes, such as Brighton, Lindley, Massasoit, Delaware, Wilder, Niagara, Worden, etc., may be depended on to ripen and to succeed fairly well. They are not generally grown to any considerable extent.

Raspberries and strawberries succeed fairly well, and the quality of the small fruits, like that of the large fruits, is usually remarkably good.

In this section there are a good many farm orchards ranging from an acre to five acres. But owing to the want of systematic information as to the varieties most suitable to the locality and climate, and, in some instances, to the impositions of tree agents, many poor varieties and varieties unsuited to the climate, have been planted.

The result has been that even where proper care has been taken of the orchards, many of the trees, and in some cases whole orchards, have failed, and the owners have become discouraged. Added to this there has been in many cases complete ignorance of the first principles of tree culture, and, worse than all, the indifference of the farmer, whose time from early spring to late fall is fully taken up with the round of plowing and sowing and harvesting and plowing again. And out of all this has grown up the idea that this district is unsuited for successful fruit growing.

Mr. GEO. E. FISHER, President of the Burlington Fruit Growers' Association (affiliated), presented the following report on

FRUIT CULTIVATION ABOUT BURLINGTON.

In compliance with the request of the Secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, I submit the following brief report regarding horticultural interests in the Burlington district, and the output from that district during the season of 1891.

All kinds of fruit trees, vines, and plants have made a vigorous growth, the foliage being unusually dark colored and well developed.

Of apples, most varieties grown in Canada are found here. For commercial purposes we consider the Baldwin, Greening, Ribston Pippin, Cranberry Pippin, Duchess of Oldenburgh, and Red Astrachan most profitable and that in the order named. The crop was much in excess of what was anticipated early in the season, because of the fruit being larger than usual. In some orchards it was exceedingly well grown and colored and very fine indeed. Of late years the bark louse is losing ground, many trees, which a few years since were badly infested, being now comparatively free. Paris green, though not universally, is pretty generally used on all kinds of fruit trees.

Pear trees blighted to a less extent than during some former years. We find Bartlett, Duchess Dwarf, Anjou, Louise Bonne, White Doyenne and Lawrence most profitable. Sheldon, Doyenne Bussock, and Keiffer not yet proven. The largeness of the crop was

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