

T. E. SMITH concurred in the views expressed in the paper as to watching the markets of the world for the product they were chiefly concerned with. In order to be able to meet any deficiency which might arise in other centres of supply he advocated that more attention be paid to the raising of apples.

C. R. H. STARR.—I am aware that Dr. Reid is making extensive preparations to establish the evaporating process on his own farm. There is a great deal in his remarks on this subject, and I do not think it is out of the way of any farmer or orchardist to adopt this means of preserving fruit to a certain extent. We have with us to-day Mr. Banks, one of our largest fruit growers, and he evaporates a large quantity of fruit. One of the best paying industries in our midst was the evaporator factory at Canning, which was destroyed by fire a short time since, and had that business been pushed with a little more energy probably than was displayed, it would have yielded enormous profits, for as is now well known the market open to such products is exceedingly large. We find in London, in the summer of 1886, that there was a great demand for evaporated vegetables, this was not confined to the people of England, but extended even to people from Australia and other countries in the southern hemisphere. Such vegetables had already an enviable reputation in the navy. When you consider the amount of raw material which one of the packages will contain, and which retails at twenty cents, then the wonder at its rising popularity will cease. It is much more economical in space than canned goods, and the prospects for its wide adoption are exceedingly bright. I would like to call the attention of the meeting to the fact that this subject was dealt with last year, and will be found in the report of 1887 at page 94.

J. E. LOCKWOOD had visited the canning factory at Aylesford, where sweet corn and green peas were put up, and which met with a ready sale. They also put up cherries in two kinds of syrup, one heavy and another light, the former being preferred in the Saint John market, one dealer there taking the whole product of that description. The manufacture of Boston baked beans was also carried on at this establishment, a ready and rising sale being found for all their products.

E. C. BANKS, (on being called on to favor the meeting with his experience in evaporating,) said, all I have done is to experiment, and

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