

like it, and they like it in the warehouses, it was just what suited them, and they wanted nothing else; but it was only because this Burling'on people had the boxes made up and the material all cut that we were using this box. However, for our cold storage purposes it is certainly a very fine box. We find it a useful package. I don't know whether it is too close or not.

Mr. WESLEY SMITH (Winona): There is an idea that they want the air to circulate free. If packed so solid will fruit carry as well? Should they be separated?

Mr. FISHER: I don't want to appear as an expert. I really don't know anything about this business except what we have learned from the little experience we have had this year.

Mr. BOULTER: You are satisfied that the lumber should be thoroughly seasoned? It would affect the fruit to put it into new made boxes?

Mr. FISHER: We found that by experience in former years. It is our practice to get a number of boxes made up early in the season. Last year I shipped 5,000, and we didn't have enough ready, and we had to go back to the factory for more, and word came from the Old Country that the fruit tasted of the wood.

Mr. BOULTER: I have just got a letter from Mr. Larke, our Canadian Commissioner at Sidney, Australia. I sent him some goods, and amongst others evaporated apples, and the complaint is that they taste of the pine. They were put in new-made boxes.

Mr. FISHER: That was another reason why I think these basswood boxes would suit us better. There is no doubt basswood is better than pine to ship fruit in, but these boxes were sold for fifteen cents when they were made up, and they say they could not afford to make them at the price they sold them to me at, but they had them there, and in order to get rid of them they were willing to supply them at the same price at which I could buy pine boxes. The printing of course was a disadvantage, as we had to do it with a stencil and shoe brush and ink, and it is a slow process, and we cannot do as neat a job as they can with the machine. My idea in bringing this box here was to learn all I could from criticism. This strip of steel saves the boxes from destruction in handling.

The PRESIDENT: I would call on Prof. Robertson for his address in connection with this subject.

CANADIAN FRUITS FOR THE BRITISH MARKET AND COLD STORAGE.

Prof. ROBERTSON, who was received with applause, said: I have no verbally prepared report for this afternoon, but I am very glad to be here. I came a good deal more to learn how our Department could serve the Fruit Growers than to try to offer you very much of advice and suggestions. At the same time, having learned a good many things during the last summer about cold storage and transportation, I brought with me, in addition to what I carry in my head, as full reports as I could collect of all that the English people said about our fruit and our packages, and the advice they give us as to how we could best meet their wants. The fruit men of England are like the other importers of England—they insist on having things done their way, even if that be not in our judgment quite as good a way as the way we suggest; and so we have been trying, so far as we could during the progress of the season, to send over, in the shipments that we sent under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, fruit packed in just the kind of way they said they wanted it. But before I speak of that I would like to make a very few observations on the two addresses we have just heard, to make quite clear one or two matters that didn't seem to me quite clear in regard to what they had presented. Now, it is known without explanation from me that the Government did provide cold storage on steamships for the carriage of perishable products. That was begun first to carry butter—that being the only product that then sought that accommodation—consequently all the agreements were drawn up with the steamship companies saying that fresh made creamery butter should always have the

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