

Rev. Canon Fulton.—We have the Golden Russet in the County of Huntingdon. Northern Spy does very well. We have the Red Baldwin but it is not very much grown.

Mr. Edwards.—We claim that the Ben Davis is the first for good keeping qualities, and the Golden Russet and Northern Spy do very well. So does the American Baldwin. The Jonathan is a good winter apple, but very small. It is not well colored.

Rev. Canon Fulton.—That is the best keeping and best flavored apple in the spring.

Mr. Edwards.—They bear well with us, just in some particular neighborhood. They do not bear well generally but when we get a crop it is an excellent one. I think those are about the best winter apples we have.

Mr. Chapais.—For our district we have the English Golden Russet, which keeps to the month of June, and the Longfield, which is an early winter apple with us and the one that keeps best. I sent to Ottawa on the first of July a Longfield, which was kept in my cellar and which was in the best condition. It is rather a small but good apple, and a good keeper. Winter Arabka with us does well but the quality is not much.

Mr. Trudeau of Jacques Cartier.—I would recommend Ben Davis. I have had occasion to visit many orchards and have seen trees of all ages, and all the farmers say that Ben Davis keeps the longest and produces well every year. It is the best paying apple tree on the Island of Montreal. It is a very strong tree, produces well, and the apples keep well into June. I have had Ben Davis on the 15th June. In Mr. Pierre Voyer's orchard there are apple trees which have lasted 15 years and are well preserved—that is in the concession of St. Laurent. Ben Davis and Golden Russet are the best. There are other varieties, but they only produce every 3 or 4 years.

Mr. McColl.—The apples which I find keep the best are the Ben Davis. The Northern Spy is also a fine apple, but the tree does not last long.

NEW SEEDLING COMPETITION.

Mr. Chapais.—With regard to winter apples, one of the first efforts of the Society was to seek seedlings of apple trees which would fill the blank. A committee was formed, and reported in favor of having a competition.

To our next winter session at St. Johns we invite exhibitors to bring their seedlings which they think are keeping apples. Three prizes will be offered each district. The exhibits will be put in charge of the society and kept until May. Month after month they will be examined to see their value and the prizes will be distributed to each district. At the same time each district will be invited to enter into competition for a general prize. The trees will be under the supervision of the Society during five years. Each year the orchards will be visited and the trees examined for hardiness, fertility, quality of fruit, resistance to disease, &c.; and at the end of the 5 years the apple which will have merited the prize three years out of the five, will receive a gold medal. Although