

ing winter apple trees here is, I believe, in the way our winters come on; the ground is seldom frozen to any depth, before it is covered with snow—and often the ground is soft all the winter—then in spring growth starts too soon and trees are killed. It is not “winter killed” with us, but “spring killed;” and all trees that grow late in the fall are pretty sure to get nipped either with a sudden coming on of winter or too early growth in spring. The “Golden Russet” and “Roxbury Russet” are both doing well here; the “Ribston pippin” does fairly well and no orchard should be without it. There were some very fine “Blenheim Orange pippins” shown here this fall, the owner says the trees bear well. The “Taiman Sweet” does well and is an excellent tree to graft other kinds on that are not so hardy. We have had some fine samples of the “Wagener” shown at the fair, it is a choice apple, but I do not think it is hardy enough for here; I had two trees, they both “winter killed;” but I have some fine grafts of it growing in a “Duchess.” I might say I have 30 or 35 different kinds of apples grafted as an experiment, but only two or three of them have yet commenced to bear. Of the newer sorts that are bearing in this neighbourhood the best in my estimation is the “Pewaukee,” it is a fine hardy tree, bears every year with me, and I consider it a choice apple. The “Mann” is just beginning to bear, a very fine looking apple, the trees appear to be hardy and thrifty and I think it will be worth planting. The “Fallawater” is another just coming in, a very thrifty growing tree, and a beautiful apple; and if it does not prove to be a shy bearer, should be in every orchard. The “Ben Davis” does exceedingly well here, sells first-class so far, and on account of its good bearing and keeping qualities is a desirable tree to plant. The “Twenty-ounce pippin” does very well and is a good keeper for a fall apple and rather desirable to plant. There is one more that I wish to speak of, it is all right in quality, the tree is hardy, a thrifty grower and bears every year, but as to size and appearance, *there it is*: (it is the “Wailbridge”) about as good-looking and as big as they can be grown about here, and if that is the best that can be done, one tree is enough for anyone to have—it was boomed by the nursery men, 8 or 10 years ago and a good many were planted.

If every farmer in East Simcoe who has 50 or 100 acres would plant 5 or 10 acres to orchard, of 5 or 6 of the best sorts I have named above and take care of them when planted they could say in 12 years from now that I gave them the best advice, at the Fruit Grower's Association meeting in Orillia, that they ever had and all for nothing.

The Secretary read an invitation from the Medical Superintendent of the Ontario Asylum for Idiots to the Association to visit that institution during the time of the members in the town.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 11 o'clock.

A paper on “How may the membership of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario be increased,” was read by Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRUIT GROWER'S ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO SHOULD BE INCREASED.

By THOMAS BEALL, LINDSAY.

To those who have given the subject due consideration, it seems incredible that the Horticultural Journal and Annual Report of this Association, when it contains so much useful information to fruit growers, whether they be villagers having their quarter-acre lot, or orchardists having large farms, should have such a limited circulation. The membership, which is little over 2,000, should, and may be increased in a few years to ten times that number.

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