

kept the ground well cultivated ; but this last year they did not do well, and I think it was on account of the severity of the winter. I have another kind as well—a cultivated tree without the wild characteristics of the other I have described. Probably some one here can name it for me. One side is light, and the other side a deep, ripe red. It has not done well, and is generally deficient in fruit. Another great fault, is its tendency to send up a great many young trees around the roots. I cannot keep them down. Cherries are not largely grown in this neighbourhood, but I find that the common cherry bears very well. I have not seen any black knot among cherry trees.

Mr. JENKINS (of Wingham).—As far as my knowledge of cherries in this section of country goes, I do not think they have been very extensively cultivated. I do not see but very few trees, but what I do see seem to bear very well. I tried one or two myself, but through a misfortune I lost them. We have two kinds of wild cherries in this section, the small red, and the small black. I had one of the wild red variety growing in my yard, and I grafted it with the cultivated variety, and it bore for two or three years. It was a sight to see it. I had to support it to keep it from breaking down. A colt, however, got loose and destroyed it. I never saw anything grow like those grafts.

Mr. GOVENLOCK (of Seaforth).—I have cherries that have been growing for twenty years. I think the red and white are the Governor Wood. One variety is red on one side and comes to a point, but the other does not come to a point at all and is a very shy bearer. One year I had as much as four bushels from a large tree, but during the last two years the frost has prevented us having a crop. I have had the Black Eagle, but never succeeded in raising a good crop ; but of these common red cherries there are many that grow well. The white cherries are hard to raise on account of the robins. I never saw any black knot.

Dr. SLOAN (of Blyth).—Seven years ago I got cherry trees from the Secretary, and I have them yet. They have been cultivated, and are good. I had seven of the Early Richmond, seven Empress Eugenie, five May Duke, five Late Duke, five Elton, five Gov. Wood and four of the ordinary red cherry. This year I secured off my Dukes about a quart. My experience leads me to say this :—If I were going to plant one hundred trees, I should plant one hundred of the Early Richmond. I have got more off my few Richmond trees than all the others. The Empress gave me the finest fruit, and the tree is beautiful ; but I have advised my friends to plant the Early Richmond. In three years you can have fruit from it in the county of Huron. I have a French variety I got some years ago, which fruits a reasonable quantity, and comes on very late in the season. It is called the Belle Magnifique.

The SECRETARY.—It is a shy bearer with me.

Mr. GOTT (of Arkona).—With respect to the advice that has been given to plant the Early Richmond, I would say plant only the Morellos, which is the name of that class. Then you can have Early or Late Richmond. The Dukes are very shy bearers.

Mr. ALLAN (of Goderich).—I agree almost entirely with the Doctor ; for the Early Richmond is one of the best all round cherries we can get. It is a good cropper. The May Duke is good. The Elton and others yield very thin crops. They are fine in quality and fine for dessert, if you can get them to ripen in the face of the robins. They surround them by the hundreds. There is one difficulty with cherries that is not felt with other fruits, and that is in the matter of manuring the soil. It should be allowed to run to grass, as they require far less manure than other fruits. If you manure heavily, the energy of the trees goes towards leaf and wood. I have an Elkhorn cherry tree opposite a bed of asparagus, and I noticed that it was pressing hard to make extra growth. The result was that the trunk and some of the branches split. The red cherry and Early Richmond trees have generally given satisfaction, and I have seen but little black knot in this district.

Mr. BUCKE (of Ottawa).—It seems to me strange that more cherries are not grown here.

Mr. CROIL (of Aultsville).—I do not think cherries will amount to much until you can devise some remedy against the birds. I remember well when cherries used to be very plentiful. I do not think that the cause of the present scarcity is our cold winters. The trees seem to thrive ; but they bear no fruit. The cause, is the question.