

famous the world over. People do not usually connect his name with the Persian lilacs that are now being disseminated. I know a gentleman that has half a dozen moss roses that were the result of his hybridizing. The town clerk of Windsor has a collection of gooseberries that were given him by Mr. Dougall; and the township clerk is responsible for the story that one of the finest gooseberries now on the market—I think the Industry—was stolen from Mr. Dougall; that he sent it to London, and it afterwards made its way across the lines under a new name. Now, could we not appoint a committee who would gather these instances of hybridizing experiments, and let us do honor to the men as far as possible. Mr. Dougall died poor, and I believe as the result of the interest he took in horticultural matters in that line.

Mr. EDWARDS: Would it not be well, while we are honoring the dead, that some provision should be made to encourage this line of experimenting for the future? The last speaker has not given a favorable impression of the profits.

Mr. McNEILL: It doesn't pay.

Mr. EDWARDS: Still I think this might be done, possibly, if we could so impress the Ontario Government or the Ottawa Government with the desirability of making improvements in this direction as to make it possible to benefit the country to introduce new varieties either of apple trees or of other varieties of fruits, that the Government might be persuaded to offer a standing reward for the production in the future of improvements in varieties of fruit of various kinds. A man would then be likely to receive from the Government a sum that would to some extent compensate him for his labor, which would be similar to the benefit of a man obtaining a patent.

Mr. CASTON: I appreciate, and have often spoken publicly of the obligation that these progressive men placed us under; yet I do not think the plan of a government reward would be wise. Some of those men, at least, have made money out of their productions. Some of them no doubt have been unselfish in their work, but others work for the hope of reward. I do not think there is any more reason why the Government should offer a reward for them than they should for a patent. We are told that the company that had control of the Niagara grape made about half a million dollars out of it. I know I have paid \$3 a dozen for strawberry plants, and somebody must have been making money out of them (laughter). And a great many of them turn out to be worthless after all. But I think it is only fitting and proper that we should acknowledge in some public way what these men have done towards making Ontario what it is to-day as a fruit-growing country.

Mr. BOULTER: It is pretty hard work to do much good to a man after he is dead. It is very well to speak in eulogy of these men, but the trend of public opinion is, not what has been done but what is going to be done for the good of the future? I think this Association would be doing something for the coming generation if they pressed on the governments the necessity of establishing more small experimental stations, in different localities than at present, where new fruits could be tested and the results given to the public. We have to learn by experiment what is best. Now, the Government can afford to do this, and they ought to do it, so that we may have positive knowledge as to what fruits are suited for the various localities. I don't think we could accomplish much good by endeavoring to get a grant for those who have gone before. We find it takes a long time to get a monument to a man after he is dead, no matter how much good he has done.

Mr. DUMBLE: I think that the best experimental farm you can have, and the most extensive and the most certain in its results, is the country just as it is. Now, take the action of our Ontario Government in getting those fruit statistics. Supposing they had sent several questions to each farmer—because they wrote directly to each—thus: "What apple have you found thrive best on your farm, in quantity and quality?" "When do your trees come into bearing?" and so on. Would not the results from these questions tabulated, be the best possible data you could get anywhere? They would get more figures in that way than in any other possible way. I throw this out to Mr. James as a suggestion for a series of questions next year. I know from experience that if you group Northumberland and Durham with Peterboro' and Haliburton you have not a fair group. The

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