

Mr. HARRISON (of Belfast).—I can corroborate what Dr. Sloan has said, that all through this section the Northern Spy is in the greatest demand. Their hardiness and little liability to injury when being handled are their principal points of advantage. It is a prolific tree and that is also in its favour. It is not much subject to the attacks of insects. The other varieties Dr. Sloan has named, I should have named had I preceded him, as those which do best in our section for shipping purpose.

Mr. A. M. SMITH (of St. Catharines).—Have you noticed the spot here very much?

Mr. HARRISON.—There is a slight difficulty in the western section of the county, but not here. It has been noticed that even the Snow apple does not spot with us.

Mr. P. E. BUCKE (of Ottawa).—Does the Northern Spy come early into bearing?

Mr. HARRISON.—It is generally eight or nine years old, or more.

Mr. JENKINS (of Wingham).—I grow apples, but I have never done anything in the way of shipping. My favourite winter apple, however, is the Northern Spy. I find it to be nice, large, and of splendid flavour. It is good for cooking and keeps well. I need not go over ground that has already been touched upon, but say that the Northern Spy tree seems to stand the winter here better than any other.

Mr. GOTT (of Arkona).—Nothing has been said of the Rhode Island Greening and the Baldwin.

Dr. SLOAN.—The Rhode Island Greening will not hang on the tree until it is ripe. It is a magnificent apple, but I could not recommend them for this neighbourhood. The Baldwin is a good apple, but I have not had good luck with it. The trees winter-killed or died from some other cause. I planted them out five years ago. I believe they are superior to anything we have as a shipping apple. They could be shaken off without being much injured, but the Northern Spy would be injured very much.

Mr. HARRISON.—There is a species of dry rot on the tree as well as the fruit on the Baldwin. At the beginning the surface of the rot is the size of a finger-nail, and then it penetrates to the centre. That makes them objectionable.

Mr. MORTON (of Wingham).—I am surprised by the statement made concerning the Snow apple spot. We could hardly get a respectable sample at our Fair, and orchards around here are greatly troubled with it.

Mr. A. MACD. ALLAN (of Goderich).—It occurs to me that if I were buying apples up here, I would steer clear of Dr. Sloan. He speaks of shaking off the Baldwin. I should not buy for shipping any apples that were otherwise than picked. The Baldwin is very hard and of a colour that would not show a bruise; but it would be discovered in time to catch the purchaser on the other side of the ocean. The bruise, however, will dry up, and does not injure the apple very much. There is more money made out of the Baldwin than any other we have. The American Golden Russet comes next. The objection applied to it was that it was so small. That is the fault of the grower. It requires to be thinned out. It is apt to bear heavily, and while we have some very fine specimens on the tree you will find many very inferior in size. It will pay any grower to thin out the fruit of the American Golden Russet. The Rhode Island Greening a couple of years ago was down very low in the European market, but now it is up again. It is inclined in some sections to a fungus spot. This year, however, the crop looks well and has every appearance of being free from spot; and will, I think, hold its own in the European market. I think that, although the Baldwin holds the lead as a money-making apple, on account of its poor quality it will go down. When you come to keep it for sometime it is too woody. It is not a good table apple. The Northern Spy is about as satisfactory an apple as we have, both for family and dessert use. I have never seen any trouble in spotting with the Mann apple. It is a clean but not a rapid grower. Its habit is to bear a good, fair, average crop every year. The fruit does not require thinning out, and it is generally so hard that it will scarcely bruise. It will not come into use until after New Year's or February; and will hold its flavour right through. A good deal of money has been made out of the Canada Red. It is a good shipper, but not extra in quality. The Ben Davis is poor in quality, but is a good sample. The tree is inclined to bear too heavily. The Wagener is a good apple, but inclined to overbear and bear very early. I consider the Ontario is going to be one of our most valuable apples. The more I see of it, the better I like its quality, and it is as good a cross as can be expected

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