

Mr. RACK: I think a Provincial inspector would be sufficient to put all the machinery in motion. Complaints could be made direct to him, and he in turn would deal with the municipalities in detail.

Mr. John LITTLE: In the municipality I am in, every pathmaster is an overseer, but for fifteen years not a fence viewer or overseer has taken anything to do with the Canada thistle.

On motion of Mr. T. Lloyd Jones, the matter was referred back to the committee to report to-morrow morning; and the Convention adjourned at six o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening meeting was held in the Temperance Hall. The weather was very unfavorable, yet a large number assembled.

The PRESIDENT opened the meeting by calling upon Mr. A. McD. ALLAN to lead the discussion on the topic:

"What are the six best varieties of summer, fall and winter apples for profit. What proportion of each is advised for an orchard of 200 trees?"

Mr. ALLAN: I did not expect this topic to come up till to-morrow, and I wanted to draw up proportions after figuring on the matter. If you will name varieties to me, I will reject or accept them, and give my reasons therefor. I will begin at once by naming the Duchess of Oldenburg. I take commercial value to be the ruling element, dollars and cents; and I look on that as the variety that will succeed over the largest possible section of the country. I consider it is impossible for any one to name absolutely varieties that are going to succeed over this whole Province in the other seasons, as I am supposed to do. I can, however, name, as the one for the earliest, the Duchess of Oldenburg, because that is the first apple that comes in for home use. Although it is not the earliest to ripen, yet it is an apple that you can, with benefit to the tree, cull some off when the apple is half-grown; and you will find that for stewing purposes you can use nothing better than a half-grown Duchess of Oldenburg, and by culling them off the tree you will benefit the rest. (Tetofsky suggested.) That has not commercial value, it will not ship as well to a distant market as the Duchess of Oldenburg. I can't make as much money out of it as out of the Duchess. Then I go on to the next—Gravenstein; of course in some sections it cannot be grown profitably, such a section would have to take something else. My preference would be for Gravenstein; and when making a preference I am taking as a basis the general market for our Ontario apples, the market that rules prices generally, the prices at which buyers go out to buy; I mean the British market. The Gravenstein is one of those that commands the highest possible price, for its particular season, in the British market. The Duchess of Oldenburg is an apple that will ship well to Britain, notwithstanding what a great many seem to think. It is to be picked when it gets its bluish color, and before it gets its yellow tinge; the yellow tinge it will get on its voyage over, and come out a perfect apple. Of course we must attend to the shipping and the storing in ship, etc. After the Gravenstein I may mention the St. Lawrence. There are sections where they could grow the St. Lawrence to perfection, and perhaps they could depend upon a crop year after year. It is a good apple when you can get it clean. From the county of Simcoe, in Mr. Caston's section, I have found about as fine St. Lawrence as I have seen in Western Ontario. It is a profitable apple to grow, because it will bring a high price in the British markets. Then we come to one of the highest-priced apples in the British market, the Ribston Pippin. It is, however, a shy bearer in many sections. There are circumstances under which it is a very regular, though not a heavy, bearer. With me it is a regular bearer. If I get from a Ribston Pippin about one-half the crop that I would get on some other varieties, I can make more money out of it than I can out of those other varieties, because I can

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