

Mr. A. McD. ALLAN.—I have no objection to agreeing with Mr. Wilkinson. As to its qualities as a dessert apple, it deserves to be hoisted up a point; it is certainly a magnificent dessert apple.

Prof. SAUNDERS.—I think it should stand where it is. It is a tough apple to eat; it is not a favorite with people who have not good teeth, and they have to be considered.

The PRESIDENT.—That is generally the fault of the grower or the person using it. When kept in a proper temperature it is all right; but it must not be kept in too dry a cellar or storage.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—The Spitzenberg has been largely grown in our section, but I think the last tree is now dead, and I for one am not sorry. I am surprised at any one suggesting that it be raised for dessert purposes.

The PRESIDENT.—Well, shall we raise it one point as a dessert apple? Lost.

SHIAWASSEE BEAUTY.

A MEMBER.—Let us hear the rating of the Shiawassee Beauty?

Mr. BEALL.—We have rated it 4 for dessert, 6 for cooking, 6 for home market and 9 for foreign market.

Prof. SAUNDERS.—I think that is too low for dessert. I move it be raised one point as a dessert apple. Carried.

The PRESIDENT.—We are asked for the rating of the Yellow Transparent.

Mr. BEALL.—For dessert 5, for cooking 7, for home market 4 and for foreign market 0.

Mr. MITCHELL (Leamington).—I have had it three or four seasons. It is a splendid bearer and as a dessert apple cannot be beaten; I would rank it higher than the Early Harvest. It does not spot, and is very even in size.

Mr. WILSON (Chatham).—People have been misled as to the time of its ripening. I find throughout the country that it does not ripen nearly so early as is represented, and it is not a very early apple at all.

Mr. MITCHELL (Leamington).—It will stay much longer on the tree than any other.

The SECRETARY.—How soon can you use it?

Mr. MITCHELL.—Much the same as the Early Harvest, perhaps a few days later, but it gets better in quality as it remains on the tree. So far as I am acquainted with it it is superior to the Summer Harvest. It does not spot, and it is very uniform in size.

The PRESIDENT.—It has been moved and seconded that this apple be raised to 6 for dessert purposes? Carried.

SALOME.

The PRESIDENT.—Can you give a rating for the Salome?

Mr. CASTON.—I think it is new in this Province.

President LYON.—In 1884, at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Society at New Orleans, it was shown for the first time by a gentleman who originated it, or at least was introducing it in western Illinois. It was specially hardy and very promising for that reason, but only third or fourth rate in quality, and not particularly attractive either in appearance or size. It is a little below medium size. I do not think it has taken very strong hold upon the west. It does not reach into northern Iowa or Wisconsin at all, and I do not think that for Michigan or Ontario it would be well adapted.

Mr. WILSON.—I know it would not stand the northern climate at all.

GRIMES' GOLDEN.

The PRESIDENT.—The rating for Grimes' Golden is called for.

Mr. BEALL.—For dessert 9, for cooking 2, for home market 5, and for foreign market 7.