

is stamped in the fruit, while almost invariably we find the outline and external characteristics of the fruit taken from the male parent. I will show you a cross between Belle Lucrative and Beurre D'Anjou which you cannot detect from Beurre D'Anjou. It looks like Beurre D'Anjou, but the flavour is that of Belle Lucrative. I can also show you where the Vicar was the female and Belle Lucrative the male. It is the Vicar until you cut it. Some of my crosses are fine cooking pears, and will produce more bushels than any other. They hang in ropes every year, and my wife says she does not want the Kieffer when she can get them to can. These results have proved to be a fact in my experience in producing hybrid pears, and I believe we will have some good ones.

The PRESIDENT.—About eighteen years ago I began this line of experimenting; but my success has not warranted me in laying down a rule that I can produce pears to order.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—I have shown you some of my seedlings that fruited some years ago, and one you expressed very favourable opinion of, with the exception of the size. It is very small. Now I have just reversed my plan and I am going the other way. Formerly if I wanted to cross the Seckel with some other variety I used the Seckel as the male parent, and the result was small fruit. I think, however, that a Seckel flavour could be produced in fruit as large as the White Doyenne.

The PRESIDENT.—That accords with my experience with grapes, as I have given it to you to-night.

Mr. BUCKE.—We cannot grow pears in the Ottawa district. I have never succeeded in raising one pear.

CABBAGE.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—I have had very little experience in growing cabbages for commercial purposes, and the chief part of my experience lately has been in buying what we have needed. The reason that I do that is because I can buy them cheaper than I can grow them. The Jersey Wakefield is very fine, and the Winningstadt is good. I have never grown the Early Atop, but one of my neighbours has, and it is good, but small.

Mr. H. SMITH (of Sarnia).—The Winningstadt is one of the very best flavoured that I have eaten. I have also tried the common Drumhead, which is very good.

Mr. BEADLE.—While the Jersey Wakefield is very nice and the Winningstadt is very fair coming after it, yet there is another cabbage which gets its perfection later in the season. It is better in flavour after the weather has become a little frosty, and I esteem it the best of any that we have ever had. That is the Curled Savoy. The leaves are all crinkled up, and the heads are hard, and for eating, it is the best that I know of. I do not know anything about the profit.

J. M. DENTON (of London).—The cabbage which Mr. Beadle refers to is my favourite.

Mr. BUCKE.—When returning from Chicago the other day I saw hundreds of acres of cabbages. I do not know what variety they were, but they were of tremendous size.

Mr. DENTON.—I was there about a month ago, and it was the small Drumhead they were growing.

Mr. WRIGHT.—My experience is that they pay remarkably well, and I find that the earliest and the smallest is the Early Jersey Wakefield, which has a very hard head. The next in earliness is the early Winningstadt. It also has a very hard head and its specific gravity is greater than the others. It keeps well and is a real good cabbage. It grows so hard and firm that worms do not seem to trouble it the same as the others. But of all for profit there is none like Fötter's Early Drumhead. I can grow them to weigh thirty pounds, and while I can only get five cents for others, I can get fifteen for these. I get my seed every year from Peter Henderson of New York. If you want something for exhibitions you must get the Mammoth Drumhead; but it comes in very late.

Mr. H. SMITH (of Sarnia).—Has any gentleman had any experience as to whether seed grown on this continent or in the old country is the best?

Mr. WRIGHT.—I do not know where Henderson's seeds come from; but I have had other seeds, and met with no success with them.

Mr. GOTT.—We use the Winningstadt and keep them in the trenches until April and May.

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