

than western New York apples. As western New York was always said to be ahead of the world, you may consider that you Canadians stand at the head of the world. (Hear, hear). Further, it was stated, on the authority of that society, that western New York buyers marked their apples, in shipping to Europe, "Canadian apples." (Hear, hear). That is a fraud that might be avoided by putting your names, your town, and everything on the head of the barrels.

Mr. J. M. DENTON (London)—The Zavitz family in Lobo have planted out 2,000 apple trees, and are going to plant out 2,000 more; and they hold that if they can get 25 cents a bag for their apples it will pay better than growing cereals. The English people will pay the price for an honest article, and I believe they would rather send their buyers here than run the risk of being deceived at Liverpool.

Mr. PATTERSON (Grimsby)—As a rule the barrels are very carelessly treated by the growers. They are left in the orchards exposed to frost and rain and sun, and they can't stand as well as those kept under cover. Shippers have told me that barrels that had been kept under cover reached England in much better condition, with fewer slacks, than those apparently packed in the same manner sent at a later period. I divide my apples into three grades. No. 1 I ship myself, or sell to shippers. No. 2 I generally sell on the Hamilton market. No. 3 I feed to stock for fattening, or to milch cows. From experience in the last three years I cannot find that there is any difference between a bushel of apples fed to steers, and a bushel of turnips.

Mr. ED. SMITH (Winona), asked: Do you have any diameter as to Baldwins you pack? also, is it correct that in England they are finding out they can grow apples of as good quality as ours?

The PRESIDENT replied that the article referred to on English apples had been admitted to be a mistake. In the newspaper correspondence, apple growers in Kent, England, had admitted that they had given up growing varieties they formerly had grown largely, because Canadians grew the same varieties to a much higher degree of excellence. (Hear, hear). And after using every method in growing that they possibly could think of, and doing justice to their orchards in every way, they could not produce the fruit equal to ours. As to the quality of fruit, we judge by the quality of flavor very largely. An apple grown farther north has greater points of merit than the same variety grown farther south. The farther north you can grow an apple, the better it will be in points of merit, especially in quality. That is why Canadian fruit stands about three shillings a barrel higher than American in the English market, on clear points of merit. Our fruit arrives at English ports in much better condition than American fruit, notwithstanding bad packing and all that, because its intrinsic points of merit are much higher. It carries better; it keeps longer in that climate than the American fruit.

Mr. PETTIT—There is a little difference in the size of the barrel?

The PRESIDENT—Yes; I am more and more in favor of a smaller package than we have had; and while I believe in a half barrel I am not altogether satisfied with it. I believe the day is coming when we will have something, perhaps not quite as large as the half barrel, that can be handled easier. I will acknowledge this, if you take a large lot of fruit of one grade, so many in ordinary size barrels and so many in half barrels, lay them open in the usual way that they exhibit them at the fruit markets, and you will at once decide, by a casual observation, that the fruit in the half barrel is certainly one grade higher than the other. It is simply the size of the package has deceived you—nothing else; and that may account to some extent for the fact that we get higher prices in smaller packages—but only to some extent.

The SECRETARY asked whether our apples were carefully inspected in England by buyers before purchasing?

The PRESIDENT—The method in all the markets is very much the same. They will select out a few barrels of each variety in the cargo and they will open the tops, and sometimes, if they are suspicious in any way, they will dig down a little way. If they are