

Mr. Morris, Fonthill, particularly recommended the President Drouard on account of its freedom from blight. It was less subject to this than any other variety he had grown.

Mr. Beall had tried several new varieties, but all had failed except the Flemish Beauty, which had proved successful.

Mr. Gilchrist did not know much about new varieties. He had grown twenty-two different kinds of the old sort. He gave the preference to the Flemish Beauty, as it was free from blight.

The President had attempted to fruit more than he had ever succeeded in doing. He had imported two hundred different sorts, but had only met with success with about ten of the French varieties. Some Belgian pears were very good, more especially the General Todleben. It was a fine fruit with an enormous stem, with a suture like stone fruit, and was as highly flavored as the Josephine de Malines. He could hardly recommend any of the new varieties. For marketing purposes he placed Clapp's Favorite, Josephine de Malines and the Bartlett at the head of the list.

The Secretary had fruited the Broekworth pear, but thought it was only an old variety with a new name. The Souvenir du Congress was a large, handsome pear, not unlike the Bartlett in appearance, ripening about the same time. He did not think much of its quality; it was not as good as the Bartlett. The Goodale, though an old variety in the States, was not much known in Canada. It was a juicy, sprightly fruit, ripening in October, not particularly attractive in appearance, but of excellent flavor. The Josephine de Malines was a good winter pear, but he considered most winter pears as little better than turnips. The Josephine de Malines, however, could not be classed among these.

The President hoped that the remarks made would not discourage anyone from attempting the growing of winter fruit. He knew it could be done, and he wished to see it tried. He stated that the lowest figure he had been offered for the Josephine was \$6 per bushel, and he could grow them as easily as any other variety.

PACKING FRUIT.

3—The best methods of putting up the different fruits for market.

Mr. A. M. Smith read the following paper on this subject:

One would be inclined to think that the Association had already discussed this subject till it was exhausted when we remember the