

good healthy trees, good bearers, and will carry well. In my opinion, therefore, he can do no better than to plant Gravenstein, Ribston, King, Blenheim, Golden Russet, Fallawater and Nonpareil. Baldwin's are good when bright, but they are frequently off in colour, and that means off in price. Spy has the same failing, and is also rather treacherous to carry. The others named will usually be found reliable and give good returns.

MR. ——— :—You say England is our market, do we not sometimes send large quantities of apples to the United States?

R. W. STARR :—Yes, and one winter we sent several large cargoes of potatoes to London, but we do not consider London our potatoe market, these are the exceptions that prove the rule. The United States only want our apples on occasions of the failure of their own crops, or to handle them for us as middlemen; this they have frequently done in the past, at a profit to themselves, from their better facilities for steamer shipment, but the benefit to us is doubtful. We think it pays better to ship direct.

The PRESIDENT gave some statistics of the apple trade and his experience of shipments, and went on to say that, "Where farmers sent their own fruit to market at their own risk, they were forced, as it were, to pack in the best manner or submit to loss, as on the other side everything is examined and sold on its merits."

R. W. STARR quoted from "Johnson's Dominion Statistics," and argued that the prospects for orchard planting, so far from being over-done, was brighter than ever, and advised continuous effort in that direction, stating that if we raised thousands of barrels where we now raise hundreds, we should get better freight rates, and better prices, in comparison with our neighbours, from being better known. The local trade also is developing fast, there are hundreds of barrels now sold in our mining and manufacturing towns where tens were sold in the last decade, and those towns are growing faster than the local supply of apples from the Eastern Counties.

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