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necessary. The day is coming when nothing but first-class fruit put up in first-class shape will pay and in order to secure this result we must give careful attention not only to cultivation but to the destruction of insect pests and the prevention of the various fungous diseases which our fruits are subject to. In the matter of grading and putting up fruits for market also, there has to be a radical change with some of us. I think we might take a few lessons from our California competitors in this matter. If it pays them to carefully wrap their fruits in tissue paper and put them in neat boxes why would it not pay us? I believe the time is not far off when our choice Spies and other apples will be carefully wrapped and sent south and to California in exchange for their oranges, lemons and other citrus fruits. But I need not enlarge upon this subject—members of the Fruit Growers' Association can readily understand it. While I would advocate only the planting of tried and known varieties for profit, I would by no means discourage the trial and testing of new fruits with the hope of making valuable additions to our present stock of valuable varieties. Doubtless the experiments of the future will bring out many additions to those already produced by our Arnold, Dempsey, Saunders and others whose labors in this direction perhaps did not pay them in dollars and cents, but which will be of untold benefit to us and future generations. While I regret that our government has not taken hold of this work and given us an experimental station for it, I still cherish the hope that our future legislators will awake to the importance of it and do something worthy of the cause and the nation, and not leave this important work to be performed by individual effort and at individual expense. I am aware that the Dominion government, at their experimental farm in Ottawa, with their efficient staff, are doing what they can there; but on account of a climate unadapted to fruit they can do but little comparatively for the great fruit growing sections of the country. I would, therefore urge upon the members of this Association, particularly the younger ones, to redouble their efforts in this direction, not only by producing new hybrids and seedlings, but also by testing new importations as far as their means will admit, and disseminating them till Canada shall be known not only as the best fruit growing section but for the best varieties produced in the civilized world, and if it does not pay you in dollars and cents it will pay in the increased prosperity and blessings that it will bring to your country and posterity. Most of the pioneers of fruit growing in this country have passed away, and the remainder will soon follow. They have done well in building up this great industry, and the results are left in your hands. Try to improve them.

The PRESIDENT: Now, gentlemen, we will be very glad to hear from you all. The valuable paper you have heard is open for criticism.

Mr. BEALL: Referring to the suggestion in the paper that the Government should encourage hybridizing, I would like to ask: Why has not this Association taken that matter in hand? The Association has never, as far as I know, done anything to impress that fact upon the Legislature of Ontario, except the publication of an article in last year's report intended to draw public attention to the matter of remuneration to any person for their efforts in that branch. I think there should be some public acknowledgment and remuneration from the Government to persons who have already done work in this direction. If that were done it would possibly encourage others. I believe there is but very little being done in that respect. Fifteen or twenty years ago there were five persons who did much for this Province in hybridizing—Arnold, Dempsey and Mills are gone; Haskins we never hear of—I do not know what he is doing; we have only Saunders left, as far as I am aware. This country and this Association have done nothing to my knowledge to recompense these men for the time they have given, the care they have taken, and their experience and labor in this very important branch.

Mr. MCNEILL: I think we should appoint a committee and do something worthy of this body in this matter. The gentlemen named by Mr. Beall are worthy of recognition and possibly a few might be added to the list. I should certainly suggest the addition of the late Mr. James Dougall, of Windsor, a gentleman who has done perhaps as much as any of those mentioned. You will have noticed the Windsor Cherry, lately written about in the *Horticulturist*. It was my pleasure, sitting in the shade of that tree, to hear the history of the Windsor Cherry. Mr. Dougall also originated lilacs that are