

A. Yes. We have men who spray, and spray. There is a difference between a man who works with a spray pump, and one who does it just for the sake of being in style.

Q. You had most difficult weather conditions this season?

A. Yes, we had; but most of our men who sprayed thoroughly got beautiful results.

*By Mr. Thornton:*

Q. Don't you think the amount of foliage on the trees had something to do with the crop of apples?

A. Well, no doubt pruning helps; but it did not keep the fungus away.

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. Do you practice co-operation in spraying?

A. No; each farmer has his own outfit.

*By an Hon. Member:*

Q. How many times a season do you spray?

A. It is better to spray five or six times; but the general rule is three or four times.

*By Mr. Foster (Kings, N.S.):*

Q. What do you spray with?

A. With Bordeaux and lime of sulphur. We are using mostly lime of sulphur.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. In what proportion?

A. Lime of sulphur is a commercial article. We use it in the proportion of one gallon to ten for dormant spraying, and one gallon to forty after the foliage appears. I think probably the proportion of one to thirty-five would be better.

Q. It would not burn the foliage?

A. No.

*By Mr. Thornton:*

Q. Have you found good results from your system of selling in the Old Country, —you have not been held up by the middlemen in any way?

A. No. We got the best results. We sent one man right over there this year.

Q. Did you find yourselves justified in doing that?

A. Yes, we had all kinds of prices and all kinds of charges. Our man put the business right into one man's hands and he looked after it.

Q. You got good results?

A. Yes, we got fine results.— For instance, there were two firms selling Nova Scotia apples on the market lately. Our man had seventy-four buyers before his stand, and the other fellow had twenty-four buyers. The man that was handling the farmer's pack could not get over 12s. 6d. a barrel for the apples he was selling. Our man was putting them out readily at 13 shillings a barrel.

Q. What did you say your apples netted you on the trees before you paid any labour on them?

A. I have not figured that out.

Q. Does your man in London handle your No. 3's?

A. Yes. There is a market in the Old Country for No. 3's. There are a large quantity of trees cultivated, and these apples are as good for culinary purposes as No. 1's, except there is a spot on the outside, caused by fungus.

Q. You do not brand No. 3's as belonging to the Co-operative Association?

A. No.

Q. Would that not be an injury to the farmers outside the Association?

A. I think it would be an injury for the farmers to raise any quantity of No. 3's, but we calculate to pack a better grade of fruit than the ordinary farmer does.