

business he has been awarded at exhibitions many *gold, silver and bronze medals*, a large number of diplomas and hundreds of other prizes for superiority of productions. In the year 1880 a *special silver medal* was presented to him by the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario. The inscription thereon reads: "To Geo. Leslie, sr., in grateful acknowledgments for his horticultural efforts, by the Council of Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario." When the first fire company was formed in York he became a member. In 1853 he was commissioned a magistrate by the Hon. Robert Bald-

win, the duties of which office he has ever since discharged with fidelity. He filled the office of school trustee for nine years and was for one year alderman for the city, but did not seek re-election, not being inclined to neglect his business to engage in political strife.

His two sons are associated with him in the business.

He has two daughters, both married. The elder to Mr. R. C. Jennings, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Paris, and the younger to Mr. A. McD. Allan, the present president of the Fruit-Growers Association.

POMOLOGICAL.

The Wealthy Apple.

THE following statements concerning this very desirable hardy apple were made at the meeting of the Montreal Horticultural Society, at Granby, P.Q., last year:—

Mr Shepherd—I think I was the first to fruit the Wealthy in Quebec, at least I was the first to exhibit it at the Montreal Horticultural Exhibition. It resembles the Fameuse a little; it is a juicy apple, more juicy than the Fameuse, a little more acid, and of very fine flavor—a peculiar flavor. It is more of the Spitzenburgh than the Fameuse. I can tell one circumstance which makes me think it is a good apple. My children and wife, and any ladies stopping at my place in the autumn, always choose a Wealthy: they have twenty or thirty varieties to choose from, but they always choose that. Children know very well when an apple is good, and when they are at liberty to choose from several, and always eat one variety, you may rest assured they know what they are about.

Mr. Honey—As far as the Wealthy tree is concerned, I find it is not as hardy as the Duchess. I have quite a few—planted about the same time as

Mr. Shepherd's. I have perhaps twenty of them. This year I lost two from being heavily loaded, and on others one or two of the branches have broken off. That is one objection I have, and another objection is that the stem is rather long and like the crab, so that it does not hold the fruit well. I have not been able to keep them as well as the Fameuse, but I do not think I had one spotted one in my orchard. This year they were not so well colored as usual, but they were free from spots, good size and good cookers. Of course if you take the Fameuse and sort them to get them as clean as the Wealthy, the Fameuse will sell better, but there is more money in the Wealthy.

Chairman—Is there any difference in the keeping qualities?

Mr. Honey—Not with me; I have found them to keep about the same.

Mr. Shepherd—With regard to the keeping qualities of the Wealthy, if you allow it to get ripe on the tree it will not keep as well as the Fameuse. With regard to the salability of the Wealthy, last year my experience with Fameuse was that 90 per cent. were so bad I could hardly sell them, whereas I do not believe there was five per cent. of the