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E. Watson—I never mulched my trees with chips or sawdust, but I have had plenty of borers. I think a thin coating of pine tar useful in keeping out the borer.

James Dougall, Windsor—I understand that inquiry has been made concerning Eliot's Early Pear, and may say that last year all my trees of this variety blighted, and this year they have not produced any fruit. It is a larger pear and ripens a week earlier than the Doyenne d'Ete; it is also a strong grower, very hardy, and of superior quality.

The committee on subjects for discussion submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and the meeting proceeded to the consideration of the first question, namely:

What varieties of fruit are successfully cultivated in the district along the shore of Lake Huron, and the river St. Clair, and how far has the fruit crop in that district been injured by the spring frosts this year?

Thomas C. Wheatley, Sarnia, on the lake shore, said that he cultivates only apples and peaches. He grows the Early Harvest Apple and the Red Astracan. The Early Harvest is subject to spot badly, the Red Astracan is the most profitable. The Porter yields well, does not spot, but is not so marketable as the red apples. I want a red apple to come in just after the Red Astracan, and have just planted the Benoni, in the hope that it will supply the deficiency. The Rhode Island Greening fruits abundantly, has a very good reputation and is much inquired for. The Baldwin is not as even in size as the Greening, but it keeps until May. The Cayuga Red Streak bears young and heavily, but the fruit is too large. The Spitzenburg spots and cracks badly on very sandy soil. The Peewaukee has just fruited with me.

Of peaches I have planted the Early Crawford largely, but do not find it to be a good bearer, it never yields more than a quarter crop. Hale's Early did not rot at first, but as the trees grew older the fruit rotted badly. The Crawford's Late generally ripens with me, but it is not much more prolific than the Early Crawford. The Serrate Early York does well with me, and am pleased with the Amsden. The Large Early York is unproductive. Old Mixon succeeds well, it is large, attractive and profitable.

The frost did little injury to the large fruits, but it hurt the strawberries. Raspberries were a fine crop. Peaches were not hurt by the frost last May, though we had from two to five degrees of frost.

D. Nesbit, Plympton—With me the peaches usually winter kill. I am five miles from the lake shore. I notice that the seedling peaches were not injured by the frost last May, but it killed all the grape vines. My Oswego Beurre pear has a fine crop, but the other pear trees have no fruit. My soil is clay mixed with gravel.

James Watson—My soil is stiff clay, and my peach trees are killed out, they will not stand the winter.

James Johnson, Bosanquet—I grow chiefly apples and peaches, on the lake shore. Apples do well, we do not have any summer frosts to hurt anything. I have the Early Harvest, Sweet Bough, Red Astracan, Fall Pippin, St. Lawrence, Autumn Strawberry, and Dutchess of Oldenburg. I have a good crop this year, but back from the lake the frost of last May injured the crop very much. In the winters of '72, '73, '74 and '75 the Hale's Early Peach and the Early Crawford were seriously hurt. The Old Mixon being more hardy was not hurt. We are not subject to summer frosts within a mile of the lake. I lost a few pear trees last year with blight, this spring I whitewashed the trunks with lime, and so far this season have not had any blight. The Baldwin Apple bears well, also the Rhode Island Greening. The Spitzenburg bears well, but is a shorter lived tree than the others. I have a tree called the Winesap that will yield thirty bushels this year; the tree is thirty years old. The Concord, Isabella, Salem, and Adirondac grapes ripen well. Plums do well, and good crops can be secured by jarring the trees and catching the curculio.

John Carr, Sarnia township—In our section peach trees can not be grown well, they winter kill. My land is sheltered on three sides by bush, shall have a good crop of apples