

kept in bins; and on those that had been kept in barrels these spots appeared greatly enlarged. It seemed to be a development of the fungus growth that had begun in the apple—the spots not being any larger than pin-heads, or perhaps not as large as that. I think this difficulty could be got over by fruit growers putting their apples either in barrels or bins under the effect of sulphurous acid gas, which could be made very easily in the cellar, and that would permeate and kill the fungus that was on the apple, and I think prevent the spreading of it. It is a remedy so easily applied that any one could try it.

Mr. MORTON—Have you any data whereby you could fix the temperature at which the fungus would not grow?

Prof. SAUNDERS—No.

THE BAKER GERMAN PRUNE.

Q—Does any member know anything of a plum or prune called the Baker, said to be successfully grown near Collingwood?

The SECRETARY—At our meeting last July at Collingwood we found we were in a great plum country, and this plum was shown to us. It is simply a variety of the German prune which has been propagated from seed, and is grown very largely in that vicinity, and they consider it one of the best prunes that they have met with. It was highly commended and noticed in our report, but I do not think any of our nurserymen have propagated it.

The PRESIDENT—There was some fruit of it sent, after ripening, to me, and the quality was superior to the German prune. Growers told us that they make more money out of that local plum than anything else on the list that they have, and they have most of our varieties.

NORTHERN OR SOUTHERN GROWN TREES.

Q—Is the climate of New York better for raising nursery stock than Ontario, to such an extent that many Canadian nurserymen really import what they are selling? Are such imported trees as long-lived as native growers?

Mr. MORRIS—I claim that the climate of Niagara peninsula is fully as good for raising nursery stock as New York state; and nurserymen of Niagara district grow the bulk of what they sell. There is no nurseryman in Canada or the States that can grow all they sell, because they will run short in some varieties. The fashions change. There will be a run on a certain class of plants in four years that they are not expected to meet, and no matter how extensive the nursery they will have to buy to keep the assortment up.

Mr. MORDEN—There is a good deal of quackery in this matter. There is an idea abroad that it makes a vast difference as to the particular climate in which a tree is raised. My idea is that you get the best article from the place that is best suited to produce it—it may be north, and it may be south. As a general rule, it is safe to get our stock in the same latitude as we wish to plant in. Sometimes we can get a better article grown south of us than any where else.

Prof. SAUNDERS—Mr. Morden's doctrine may be safe for Niagara peninsula, but I think outside of that it would not be. Where climatic influences are unfavorable, it is very important that we get trees, grown from similar climates; and if you take them north you want to get the trees grown as far north as possible; and therefore Canadian-grown trees are very much better for the northern section of this Province than those that come from as far south as Rochester, although it may be admitted that trees may be grown easier there—grown with less cost to the nurseryman, where the climate and soil are favorable to that growth; but to argue that we should go where the trees grow best for the tree that we want to grow best, is an argument that would not stand. For the Ottawa district the trees that grow best are the trees that have grown as far north as we can get them.

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