

"And further resolved, that a copy of these regulations be forwarded to the Honorable, the minister of agriculture for Canada."

Letter From English Firm.

Dr. DeWitt presented a copy of a letter on this matter from Nothard & Lowe, of London, as follows:

Dear Sir,—We are continually receiving letters from shippers, complaining of the loss they sustain through the low price obtained for slack, open, or half filled barrels. Shippers appear to be under the impression that we have only to make a claim on the shipping agents or owners here in London to have the matter settled, and our claims paid. We have been pushing these

claims for some years past, and fought one case some years since on this very question, and were beaten. While apples are shipped on bills lading, containing the clauses at present existing, we are powerless to enforce claims, although we most sincerely wish we could make the steamer pay these heavy losses.

We would suggest that the Canadian high commissioner here should be instructed by the government in Ottawa to fight a test case in London on this point, and this would solve the unsatisfactory state of things now existing. We hope you will bring your influence to bear on this matter,

Yours faithfully,
NOTHARD & LOWE.

NATURE AS AN EDUCATOR.

A Paper Read by M. G. De Wolfe, on the Refining Influence of Plants, Trees and Shrubs.

I have been asked to prepare a paper a little out of the ordinary, and yet in keeping with the aims of this society. You have all heard a good deal about growing fruit, and how best to combat the diseases and insects that infest the orchards, but I am going to take you out of the beaten track and try to lead you among the shrubs, trees and plants that by a little care can be made to enrich your homes, no matter how humble.

It is a good thing to get near to nature's heart, and to understand how much even a tree or plant can add to our joys of life, and how a fondness for such things is associated with our best and purest qualities. The fruit-growers of to-day are asking for a

higher standard in the cultivation of all fruits, and, from our point of view, the time has arrived when we should call for a higher appreciation of the things that are intended to refine and beautify our homes and surroundings.

Beauty is Power

and yet beauty is wealth, and when to this is added refinement, the combination is valuable. The farmer and fruit grower can easily obtain all these. Let him accept nature's offerings and with plants, shrubs and trees make the home beautiful. Encourage the young to take up the work. Secure the trees and shrubs that are natives, for among them are many as beautiful as the best ones of other lands. Let every