

Chas. Arnold, Paris, thought nothing better than barn-yard manure.

Mr. Jones, Rochester, N. Y., would use lime and ashes on heavy soils; had found great benefit from green crops ploughed under, and from barn-yard manure.

Linus Woolverton, Grimsby, presented the report of the Fruit Committee appointed to examine and report upon the fruit on exhibition, which was as follows:—

REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE.

Your Fruit Committee beg to report that:—

Mr. A. M. Smith, of Drummondville, shows samples of the Mann Apple, a kind not much cultivated in Canada. It is an apple very irregular in size, of a not very desirable flavour, but said to be hardy. Also, fair specimens of the Northern Spy and Cranberry Pippin.

Mr. Geo. A. Weese, of Albury, shows specimens of the Ben Davis, an apple which is destined to become valuable on account of its hardy and prolific habits.

Mr. P. C. Dempsey, of Albury, shows some very fine specimens of the Josephine de Malines Pear, in good condition. It has a rich luscious flavour, and a rose coloured flesh; some fair specimens of the Beurre D'Anjou, of the Vicar of Winkfield, and of the Beurre Grise D'Hiver.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LINUS WOOLVERTON,
P. C. DEMPSEY,
WM. ROY.

On motion to receive and adopt the report, Mr. Holton, Hamilton, desired to express his opinion of the Ben Davis Apple, that while the tree was hardy and productive, the fruit was not of that good quality which planters would be led to expect, that he feared people would be disappointed in the quality.

Chas. Arnold, Paris, expressed the same opinion.

P. C. Dempsey, Albury, stated that one of his neighbours had found the Ben Davis a very profitable market fruit.

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the Seedling Fruits exhibited, presented the following

REPORT ON SEEDLING FRUITS.

The Hastings is a handsome red apple blotched with darker red spots or stripes, and the stem is set in a deep cavity. It is rather over the average size, white juicy flesh, a little over-ripe, slightly aromatic flavour, would recommend it for future general cultivation. Its handsome appearance and size and general good qualities, would make it a favourite market variety. Gives a good crop every year.

Mr. A. M. Smith, of Drummondville, exhibited two Seedling Apples. No. 1, a dull yellow, of unattractive appearance, and not up to many varieties now in cultivation, resembling in appearance the Mann apple, but quite unlike it in crispness and flavour. No. 2, from the grounds of G. J. Burrows, a pleasant looking yellow apple with a bright red cheek, but of no special qualification.

P. E. BUCKE,
J. J. BOWMAN,
GEO. ANDERSON.

The following communication was received from B. Gott:—

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario:—

I regret very much that I shall not be able to be present at your Winter meeting held in the City of Hamilton, on the 6th of February next; but I should like to make a suggestion or two that, if made practicable, might very much encourage and assist the fruit in-