

## F. &amp; D. MEETING.

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The resolution was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Peters gracefully returned his thanks.

## Mr. Vroom's Address.

Mr. G. H. Vroom, Dominion fruit inspector, was the next speaker. He referred to the fruit industry as being one of the most important with which the farmers had to do. The annual output of apples in the United States was fifty million barrels, and last year the small province of Nova Scotia had produced two million bushels. He was not very old, but he could remember when his father had to buy apples for his children. He thought New Brunswick could be made one of the best fruit growing provinces in Canada. Nova Scotia was only a little further south than New Brunswick, and if the weather was any colder in this province than it was in Nova Scotia he pitied the people. Over there they have had winter ever since last summer, and half of last summer was winter. He had travelled through New Brunswick last summer and had been much struck with the capabilities of the province for fruit growing.

Taking up the practical side of the question, Mr. Vroom said that good soil well drained was essential for fruit culture. It did not matter much whether a southern or a northern slope was selected. In answer to a question, Mr. Vroom said he believed it was the thawing and freezing of trees that caused the ailment known as sun scald. If fruit trees in New Brunswick were liable to sun scald, he would advise a northern slope. The trunk of the tree might be protected from sun scald by enclosing it in thin veneering such as is used in strawberry boxes. An elevated orchard and well drained land is less liable to attacks of frost after the trees had blossomed out. If he lived in the province of New Brunswick, and wanted trees, he would give the preference to the local nursery every time. Get good healthy trees about four years old. The trees should be planted not less than thirty feet apart. If you want something to fill out the space within take plum trees because they will die after ten or twelve years. In setting out young trees commence to prune at the bottom and remove all the dead leaves. In setting out the trees make a big hole and set the tree down an inch further than it grew in the nursery. Set the trees out regularly so they will look respectable when the work is finished. Straw mulching should be taken away from the trees in the fall as it afforded a nest for mice. If necessary trees should be pruned every year after being set out. The best time to 'prune a tree is during the month of June or latter part of May.

Mr. Vroom then exhibited a number of fruit marks used by Nova Scotia apple growers and made explanations in regard to each. He also gave a list of the varieties of apples grown in Nova Scotia as follows: Gravenstein, Ribston, Blenheim, King, Wagner, Greening, Baldwin, Fallwater, Ben Davis, Stark, Nonpareil, and Spy. The Gravenstein he said flourished in Nova Scotia, but did not do well in Ontario, and he would not recommend it for New Brunswick. He thought New Brunswick farmers should try the experiment of shipping their Ben Davis apples to England by one of the steamers sailing out of St. John. Any of the commission merchants in London would be glad to handle them.

At 10 30 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

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## Canada's Librarian.

Mr. Martin J. Griffin, the Parliamentary Librarian at Ottawa, has returned, with Miss Griffin, from a two months' trip to England and the Continent. Mr. Griffin was the guest of Senator Power in Halifax, on his way back. During his presence in London, The Canadian Gazette said of him: "Mr. Griffin, after completing his university course, studied law and was called to the bar of his native Province, Nova Scotia. He has had much experience in journalism, and was for some time managing editor of The Toronto Mail. He was secretary to the civil commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Canadian civil service. Upon the death of the late Dr. Alpheus Todd, Griffin was appointed to his present position. He is a voluminous contributor to leading reviews and magazines. His surviving son is a partner in law with Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, at Vancouver."

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A New York correspondent writes that Mr. William A. Cowan, son of Inspector Cowan of Guelph, who is pursuing his art studies in New York city, has been elected one of the original members of the North American Affiliation of the O. K. Club. The O. K. Club was founded in London two years ago, and its objects, broadly speaking, are to promote good-fellowship among persons interested in science, art and literature. Membership is perpetual, and the oath administered on election is a pledge to oppose "whatever is superfluous in science, meretricious in art, and erotic in literature." No member has ever been elected who has not accomplished work of recognized merit. Mr. Cowan formerly a student at the Toronto School of Art, is the first and so far the only representative of Canada in the club.

## Bullock Skin Boats.

There are few more primitive methods of transportation than those in use today by natives of northern India who make their homes in the vicinity of the swift flowing Sutlej. The boats of these aborigines are nothing more or less than bullock skins inflated by the breath of the natives themselves. Two natives may be seen hard at work filling the skins with air. Having inflated them to their satisfaction, they will leap aboard and paddle themselves across the river, great skill and strength being necessary to sustain their equilibrium during the passage. But even should the boats overturn they are easily righted, and the natives are without exception expert swimmers.

## Rebuking a Duke.

An English duke of great wealth and large estates had occasion one day to dismiss one of his laborers. As the angry man was turning away he suddenly remembered that the duke's "lady" held a position at court with the queen. That was his chance and his cue, so he turned round on the duke. "Oh, yes, your grace," he said: "I'll go home. But, though I'm a poor man, thank God I never had to send my missis out to service, as you do yours."

## Ineffectual Aspiration.

"Your Uncle Jim is a good deal of a statesman, isn't he?"  
"Yes," said the young man. "He's a statesman. He's been tryin' to be a politician for a long time, but every time he runs for office he gets beat."

## The Home Product.

"I should think you would be ambitious for political distinction."  
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## The Single Misfortune.

"Misfortunes never come singly, you know, Miss Priscilla."  
"Alas," said the poor maiden, shaking her head, "the single misfortune is the worst of all!"

## Painless Operation.

The old beau was trying to make himself look youthful.  
"He is dying for love," they commented.

The kicker usually does not make much progress, notwithstanding that he puts his best foot forward.—Boston Transcript.

## Boiled Fish Alive.

It is seldom that one sees a boiled fish alive, yet there are such in the boiling lake of Amatitlan, Guatemala. A species of fish was lately seen there by a French traveler. These fish, he asserts, often pass days in the boiling water, which comes from numberless hot springs.

## READ IT THROUGH.

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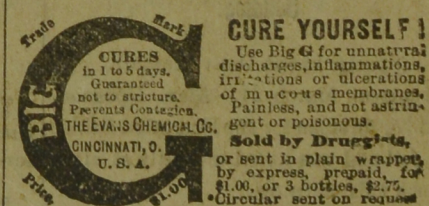
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