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Following season. The best means of present known for destroying the insect is first to catch the parent, which is done morning and evening, by spreading sheets under the trees and suddenly jarring them, when the insects falling on the sheets are caught and destroyed. In mid day they are on the wing and can rarely be caught. Secondly, destroying the young while in the worm shape. This is done by picking up all fallen fruit and burying it before the worm matures and leaves the fruit taking refuge in the ground.

Black Knot is more prevalent on wet undrained land than on other soils; on the blue plum than on those of other colors; more prevalent on trees propagated from suckers than those grafted on the native stock, it is more prevalent on wet seasons than on dry ones. The only remedy is to cut it off early, as soon as it appears, as the knots if left on the tree till the fruit is ripe also ripen and the sprouts are scattered, and the sap of the tree is so poisoned that in a few years the trees generally die. Your committee recommend every patron to raise a plentiful supply of strawberries, they are so easily grown and so productive that there is no reason why there should not be an abundant supply in season on every patrons table. Your committee think the time has come when there should be a greater co-operative effort by patrons to secure better returns for the sale of fruit, as we are impressed with the idea that a very much better price could be obtained for fruit through co-operation; better markets could be secured together with reduced freights. In view of the great demand for dried and canned fruits in the North West Territory, your committee fails to see why the fruit of this division should be shipped to Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and other points paying duty, then canned, dried, &c., and shipped to our Great North West, again paying duty. Your committee are deeply convinced that there is an excellent opening for at least three, canning and drying factories in this division and would recommend that a special committee be appointed to examine into and report at next meeting of this grange, as to the best means to be adopted to secure the establishment of those industries in our midst. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee (D. Armstrong, R. J. Doyle, Jas. Brodie.

The committee on Seed Grain beg leave to report as follows in regard to fall wheat: We are sorry to have to report that this crop will be a partial failure this year, yet we would advise the patrons to continue the culture of fall wheat and to sow all the land that they can put in proper condition and get it in the ground in good time, as we have observed for the last ten years fall wheat, like fruit, has only succeeded each alternate year. If this is true then next year will be a fall wheat year. As to the different varieties or kinds, there are different opinions, but from observation, the Clawson

stands its own, as there is more of it than all the others put together, yet we think it would be better to sow two or three different kinds in case one might fail. We think by attending to these as a rule we will be pretty sure of success. We would recommend that patrons having new varieties to report to this meeting the results of their experience with said grain, and how much, if any for sale. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Armstrong, Chairman, Com. The committee on Jurisdiction beg to report that they are happy to state no business requiring attention has been brought before them.

P. Christie, Chairman, Com. The committee on Education beg to report that the limited time at their disposal prevents their giving the subject that consideration its merits demand. Committee—P. Christie, White.

The committee on Municipal Law beg to report that in their opinion this Grange should take such steps to have a change made in the present law regarding the inspection of weights and measures so as to have a local inspector to each village and town throughout Ontario, so that should a dispute arise in regard to the correctness of weights the inspector would be at hand to inspect the scales. In reference to a change in County Council, we would recommend that the special committee appointed for the purpose would give the matter their early consideration, and in the report they may present would give the date at which this Grange first took action in this matter some years ago, and that the Master and Secretary of this Grange be instructed to prepare and forward a memorial to the Dominion Government asking that the change herein suggested be granted, and that a committee be named by the Master to consider the present system of the grading of Barley with a view to securing the proper inspection of this grain. Committee—P. Christie, A. Bond, Jas. Long.

Report of committee on good of order. 1st, We would recommend punctuality and regular attendance at all Granges. 2nd, system in business, as result of the foregoing we will more likely accomplish our desires, unity is strength, system is unity, if anything worth doing is worth doing well. 3rd, We, your committee, fully believe that if the members of the Grange will only co-operate in all our work that we can do anything we please, and that we hope will not harm anyone, but rather the contrary for when the Agriculturists prosper in this country, all other branches of industry likewise flourish. 4th, Solidarity is a virtue. Now it is a great importance that we do all we can to keep down contentions and cherish sociability. We humbly recommend that the members observe those suggestions for the good of the order.

5th, that the delegates be supplied with the copies of the minutes with notice of the meeting, all of which we respectfully submit. J. M. Tupper, Chairman of Committee.

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