

especially in the county of Annapolis, where probably one-half of the whole quantity produced is of this sort. It seems to require a strong clayey loam to bring it to perfection, and in Annapolis county thousands of trees are found growing in stiff soils and among rocks, where the land is seldom cultivated to root or grain crops, but good crops of fine apples are produced. The tree is not a vigorous grower, nor does it form as symmetrical a top as many others, often throwing out twigs and shoots, which, if not regulated at an early stage, will produce straggling branches, which will disfigure the tree. The wood is not strong and is easily broken; the trees bear early, and as a rule every year. This is the best keeping apple known to us. It does not come to perfection till March and April, and will often keep until early apples are fit for use. For shipping to England or to the West Indies it is very valuable.

The apples I have described are those which are most cultivated in Nova Scotia, and which are considered best for domestic use, and home and foreign market purposes. The following are also quite extensively cultivated, viz.: *Esopus Spitzenburg*, *Flushing Spitzenburg*, *Broadwell*, *Talman Sweet*, *Munson Sweet*, *Hubbardston*, *Nonsuch*, *Chenango Strawberry*, *Fall Jennetting*, *Fameuse*, *Pomme Grise*, &c.

PEARS.

The cultivation of the pear, although limited, when compared with that of the apple, has been practised for many years. It is said that there still exist some trees planted by the Acadian French, and many large trees are found on farms in the former Acadian villages, planted no doubt by the settlers from Connecticut, and which still bear abundant crops of fruit.

The pear seems to flourish best in deep, rich, loamy soils, and often does well in ground not much tilled. There are some native sorts grown in Nova Scotia, a few of which will compare favorably in flavor, richness, and other qualities with some of the most popular sorts at present cultivated; of which I may mention the *Curran*, *Burbidge*, *Pudsey*, *Burns' New Seedling*, and *Great Britain*. The principal sorts now cultivated are the *Bartlett*, *Flemish Beauty*, *Duchesse d'Angouleme*, *Howell*, *Seckel*, *Onondaga*, and *Louise Bonne of Jersey*, together with some other sorts introduced more recently by tree agents, but of which little is known yet.