

transit. If perishable meat be exported successfully, why cannot our delicate varieties of apples, such as Fameuse, reach the European markets for the holiday season in proper condition? The reason that Fameuse, which is "par excellence" the most popular apple here, is so little appreciated in England, as compared with Newton Pippin, Northern Spy, Baldwin, &c., is that it never reaches the consumer there in anything like good condition. It is not too much to expect if this delicate fruit could be put on the London market in December in the same condition as when it leaves our shores, it would command a higher price than any other variety. To obtain this there must be much improvement in the packing as well as in the carrying of the fruit.

It is probable that my condemnation of some of the newer varieties of apples may not apply to a few of the more favored districts, such as the counties of Chateauguy and Huntingdon, etc., but I think my experience will be of value to the orchardist of the more northerly parts, particularly the Ottawa Valley district.

THE WEALTHY.

This variety was fruited at Como last year for the first time, I believe, in the Province of Quebec, and specimens were exhibited at the Montreal Exhibition. The fruit was much admired by all *connoisseurs*, and samples were sent by the Society to the Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa as well as to the Abbotsford Exhibition. The tree is an early bearer. It is undoubtedly very hardy. Both in nursery and orchard it has proved as hardy as Duchess, than which, in respect of hardiness, no fruit-grower can desire better. I have never yet known the Wealthy to blight or "kill back," but regularly, in spring, shoots start from its terminal buds, and this I consider the best evidence of hardiness. In nursery and orchard it is quite as thrifty as Fameuse.

The fruit is described in the catalogues of Wisconsin and Minnesota nurseries as only medium in size. I know not if the fruit is larger here than there, but it deserves to be ranked as "above medium" and *often* "large." All the specimens grown on my