

shade of carmine, unlike any other apple I ever saw. The tree is said to be hardy, and the fruit to keep longer than the Fameuse, and to be free from spots and blemishes."

It is a most startling fact to apple growers to find how universally prevalent is that scourge of the orchard, the

FUNGUS SPOT ON THE APPLE.

We find from Mr. Brown's letter that not even the salubrious sea breezes can ward off this plague. He says:—"The crop of apples in this Province is very large this season, and in most kinds of high quality, with good color and size. Of late years, certain kinds, the Yellow Bellefleur for instance, formerly always exempt from spots, have become so much disfigured that they are worthless for export; the Fameuse is another of these and going out of use in the best fruit counties. At an exhibition in Digby County last week, I saw one collection of some twenty-five kinds, nearly all of which were more or less spotted, the apples were also small in size for the kinds. In this case I came to the conclusion that the trees were old, unpruned and neglected, and that the fungus disease was communicated to all kinds alike because unthrifty. It would be a wise man however who could give an exhaustive statement of the cause of, and remedy for, these fungus spots. I have the Early Harvest and the Fameuse in good soil and well pruned, the former utterly worthless, the latter will give me a small proportion of its crop in fair, clear fruit, but the great part will be spotted. Full exposure to sun and air

is essential to clear fruit, and perhaps severe pruning would be in many cases the sole remedy needed"

Let us hope that the late discoveries in science concerning these low forms of plant life, may give some basis upon which our scientific students of horticulture may solve these mysteries and provide us with a remedy. (*See editorial under "Scientific."*) This spot is spreading in Ontario from one kind to another. Beginning with the Fall Pippin and the Fameuse it has extended to the Rambo, Greening, Spitzenberg, Early Harvest, and even the Northern Spy. It utterly unfits an apple for foreign shipment, indeed a spotted apple can hardly be sold at home.

HONOURABLE APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS,

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ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

Our readers will all be pleased to read the following letter to the *London Free Press* from an Ottawa correspondent:—

"Prof. Wm. Saunders, of London, Ont., has just been appointed Director of the Experimental Farm Stations of the Dominion, and will assume the duties of his important office at once. His jurisdiction will extend over the stations in all parts of the Provinces, under the direction of Hon. Mr. Carling, Minister of Agriculture. He was engaged last fall in visiting institutions of a similar character in the United States, and prepared an exhaustive report on his observations. That report was laid before Parliament at its last session, and not only there, but from