

way, either by the severity of the weather or by disease of any kind.

The pear received by us measured two and a half inches in length and six inches in circumference at its largest part. In shape it is obtuse pyriform, light green in color with splashes of russet. The flesh is tender, juicy, sweet, somewhat gritty about the core, quality "good." It seems to be in season from the middle to end of October. This may prove to be a valuable pear for some of our colder sections because of the apparent hardness and healthiness of the tree.

ONTARIO FRUITS FOR THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

The President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Wm. Saunders, Esq., London, Ont., has undertaken to superintend the preparation of a collection of Ontario fruits, for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, to be held in London, England, next summer. He desires to receive contributions of choice specimens of fruit from persons residing in any part of Ontario, which will be preserved in fluid in glass jars. He now wishes to obtain all the varieties that can be had of apples, pears, grapes and nuts. Of large fruits three or four specimens will be sufficient; of medium size, six specimens; of small size, sufficient to fill a quart jar. The samples should be carefully named, and forwarded in baskets, by express. The express charges will be paid in London.

It is important for the credit of our Province, and the advancement of its fruit interests commercially, that this collection should be of great excellence; therefore, Mr. Saunders hopes that all who can will forward, and induce their neighbors to forward, samples of any fine fruit that may be had in their neighborhood. All such contributions will be duly acknowledged.

The following is a list of those who had contributed up to the 3rd of November:—

A. M. Smith, St. Catharines, 8 varieties of apples, 4 pears, 1 of crabs, 1 peaches, 3 grapes, 2 quinces, some peppers; also egg plants, and tomatoes.

S. Parnall, St. Catharines, 3 varieties apples, 3 pears, 1 crab apples, 1 grapes.

Beadle & Dunlop, St. Catharines, 3 varieties apples, 3 grapes.

Albert Pay, St. Catharines, 8 varieties pears, 1 peaches.

T. R. Merritt, St. Catharines, 6 varieties of pears.

W. Fletcher, St. Catharines, 6 varieties of pears.

W. Haskins, Hamilton, 7 varieties of grapes.

S. Burner, Hamilton, 20 varieties of grapes.

H. Saltmarch, Hamilton, 8 varieties of grapes.

John Mellon, Hamilton, 6 varieties of grapes.

S. Woodley, Hamilton, 18 varieties pears.

D. Murray, Hamilton, 5 varieties apples, 5 pears; also 11 jars of grapes, crab apples, and peppers.

Thomas Harper, Hamilton, 5 varieties pears.

John Gordon, Hamilton, 22 varieties apples, 3 pears.

J. W. Sinclair, Hamilton, 5 varieties pears.

R. Postan, Oakville, Niagara grapes.

Chas. W. Culver, Simcoe, fine Alexander apples.

B. Gott, Arkona, 2 varieties apples, 13 grapes.

P. E. Bucke, Ottawa, 9 varieties grapes.

W. Graham, Ottawa, 6 varieties grapes.

A. McD. Allan, Goderich, a very fine collection, consisting of 31 varieties apples, 16 pears, and 4 plums.

Thos. Beall, Lindsay, 6 varieties apples, 11 bottles of gooseberries, 2 strawberries, 1 currants, and an excellent sample of Niagara grapes.

S. P. Stipes, Barton, 1 variety pear.

Wm. Rynor, Barton, 3 varieties apples, 5 pears.

John Lamont, Barton, 3 varieties apples.

S. Lovel, Barton, 6 varieties apples.

D. Vanduzer, Grimsby, 3 varieties apples, 8 pears, 3 peaches.

W. P. Coyne, London, 1 variety apple.

P. Mackenzie, London, 2 varieties apples.

An excellent collection of apples and pears, forwarded by Mr. A. McD. Allan,