

The Yellow Transparent has also won for itself golden opinions. Mr. Simon Roy, of Berlin, writes to me that he wishes he had planted a dozen trees of it instead of two. Mr. Chas. Gibb speaking of it at a late meeting of the Montreal Horticultural Society, says that he expects it will be largely planted in the Province of Quebec because of the hardiness of the tree, its early and abundant bearing, the even size of the fruit, its fair quality and extreme earliness. At the same meeting Mr. John Craig said it needs no commendation, it is a favorite wherever tried. Dr. Hoskins residing in Northern Vermont near latitude 45, says the tree is productive, the fruit full medium in size, when dead ripe hardly inferior to Early Harvest, and always as smooth and fair as turned ivory.

The tree of the Hiberna variety is more hardy than the well-known Duchess of Oldenburg. The fruit is large, handsomely colored, ripening late in the autumn, and when grown far enough to the northward will keep until midwinter. In speaking of this apple together with Antonovka, Titovka and other Russian varieties, Mr. A. W. Sias, of Rochester, Minnesota, about latitude 45, says: "We are getting more large and fine fruit at the present time in Minnesota from trees of Russian origin than from all others."

Antonovka is perfectly hardy, has fruited in Northern Wisconsin and is described as resembling a very large Grimes Golden, only more oblong; and when ripe of a light golden color; ripens there in February and March.

Switzer is more hardy than the Fameuse or Snow apple; the fruit resembles the Snow apple in form and color, is juicy, tender in flesh, sub-acid, an excellent dessert apple. The late Chas. Downing said that it was a valuable fruit both for home use and for market.

Longfield has been fruited by Mr. Tuttle, of Northern Wisconsin, who says that the finding of this one variety is worth to him all the labor and expense he has had in testing Russian apples. Dr. Hoskins, of Vermont, mentions it among the fine dessert apples. It has fruited in my own grounds, for the tree bears young and abundantly. The apples were of good size, prettily colored and of good quality, ripening here in autumn.

Borovinka resembles the Duchess of Oldenburg in size, form and coloring, but is finer in flesh, less acid and better as an eating apple. Professor Budd says that the tree is a true Ironclad, and an early and abundant bearer. It ripens about a month later than the Oldenburg.

Saccharine has fruited in Iowa, and proved to be a very richly colored apple of medium size, exceedingly sweet and ripening in the latter part of September.

Enormous is very large in size, somewhat like the Alexander in form, and covered with red stripes. The tree is very hardy, and Professor Budd says the apple is surprisingly good for so large a fruit.

I will not weary you with a further description. These will suffice to show you that there is great variety among the Russian apples that have been imported and fruited in America, and that there is among them apples of excellent dessert quality, handsome in appearance, of large size, and extending over a long period in their time of ripening. The Hon. R. P. Speer, Director of the Iowa Experiment Station, had a bearing orchard of 1,500 trees, consisting mainly of Walbridge, Fameuse, Talman Sweet, St. Lawrence and Pewaukee. The winter of 1884-5 ruined it, so that there were no sound trees in it save the Whitney Crab, the Wealthy and the Russian trees. Such is his testimony to hardiness of these trees in an extremely cold and trying climate. Dr. Hoskins of Northern Vermont says that he has over a hundred varieties of Russian apples growing, many of them sixteen years planted, and that one thing has been demonstrated to his satisfaction, and that is that as a class these Russian apple trees are very much more hardy as against the winter's cold than those previously grown on this continent. Besides this he claims that in productiveness, size, and beauty they are more than a match for those varieties which we have received from Western Europe and those of our seedlings derived from them and quite as large a proportion of them that will rank as of dessert quality. Such is the testimony which we have with regard to the Russian apples, testimony from gentlemen whose statements and opinions command respect; and therefore it

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