

speaking the system, which has been in existence here for some time, of three grades only, viz.: No. 1, 2 and 3, and to which the fruit trade here has been educated, would seem the best system.

#### Apples for Profit

What six varieties of apples do you consider profitable, was a question discussed by J. R. Anderson, M.P.P., at the last meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. An-

derman's opinion that it would take "75 trees of King to produce one barrel of apples a year." Mr. Brown of Norfolk county, an orchard man, recommended that the Duchess be added to the list as a profitable apple and another fruit man present said it was the only early variety he would grow. Growers looking at the question from their standpoint, were unanimous in rejecting the King.

#### Profitable Plums

W. Dewar.  
We never hear high flowing terms and eloquent praise bestowed on the common place plum, but it is a profitable sort of fruit after all. I believe that a much money can be made from land devoted to good varieties of plums as from potatoes. In selecting varieties of plums for planting we must first consider the demands of the canners, both at the factory and in the home, as plums are not extensively eaten out of hand. If we would cater to all demands we must grow both small plums and the larger and more fancy kinds. I believe there is more profit in raising for the large crop of small plums than for the smaller crop of the fancy kinds.

I place the Burbank first in my list of profitable plums. It is a heavy yielder and a great shipper. It has, however, a poor habit of growth and must be pruned carefully. The Bradshaw is a good shipper if

person who is an apple buyer select his varieties as follows:

(1) Wealthy: This is one of the best early apples. It requires to be grown under proper conditions and must be pruned and thinned. The thinning in the case of this variety is as important as thinning a field of turnips. It is popular on the market.  
(2) Snow or Macintosh: Either of these varieties are popular here or in Great Britain.  
(3) King: Mr. Anderson expressed the hope that Ontario Fruit Growers would never cease planting Kings. We can always sell them and always will.  
(4) Golden Russet: This variety is always on top of the price and returns a fair profit on the output.

(5) Baldwin: This is the best apple when grown under right conditions, but a poor Northern Spy is the poorest apple marketed. A green Spy seems to lack character.

"They want our good apples in the West, but not our poor ones," said Mr. Anderson. "Many that are picked now and shipped to the West are enough to drive Ontario fruit out of those provinces."

The fruit growers assembled at the convention were not inclined to agree with Mr. Anderson's selection of profitable varieties. Mr. W. F. Macoun of Ottawa suggested that the Rhode Island Greening be substituted for the Golden Russet. "Nova Scotia," he said, "grows enough Russets to supply the entire British demand." Mr. Dempsey of the Northumberland and Durham Fruit Growers' Association, expressed the

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Trim out and burn the old raspberry and blackberry canes. Current and gooseberry bushes should also be thinned. The fruit is improved in quality and size.



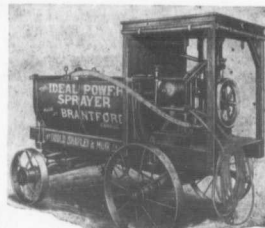
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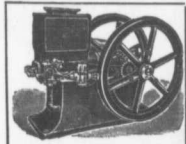
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