

"The tree Mr. Kean thinks, or rather the seed, was planted about 1880 or 1882. It has fruited successfully for eight or nine years. Upright grower, vigorous, very hardy and very productive, carries its fruit well until ripe. The fruit is entirely free from spot or blemish, quite uniform in size, season October to January, (but has been kept till March.) I will be pleased to give any further information or forward scions if required."

The apple is remarkably fine in appearance, reminding one of the Maiden's Blush, which it exceeds in size, judging by the samples received. Form oblate, regular, skin yellow with bright red cheek, stalk one and a quarter inches long in a even russeted cavity, segments of calyx large, half open, in a large evenly formed basin; flesh white, fine grained, tender, good flavor, desirable for either desert or cooking. Well worthy of further trial.

STANHOPE. Sent by Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, Oct. 20th, 1897; seedling from Township of Stanhope, fifty or sixty miles north of Lindsay, previously reported favorably upon by Fruit Committee, and worthy of attention, especially as a fall cooking apple for October and November. Fruit large, yellowish, with splashes and stripes of bright red; flesh white, tender, subacid—desirable for cooking.

PLUMS.

SMITH'S OCTOBER. Samples from A. M. Smith, received October 20th, 1897, in good condition.

FRUIT medium in size, roundish; skin thin, dark purple with greyish brown; flesh dark yellow, tender, juicy, flavor rich, sweet and very agreeable; season end of October; quality first-class.

ORGANIZATION OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

BY THOS. BEALL, LINDSAY.

The project of organizing horticultural societies in many of the cities, towns and incorporated villages of this Province in strict accordance with the *several* provisions of the Agricultural and Arts Act, and thereby securing to the inhabitants of such municipalities the great advantages concisely set forth in sub-sec. 2 (of section 9) with its five sub-divisions, and of getting such societies to affiliate with this Association, was first brought to the notice of the directors of this Association at its annual session in (I think) 1892. The desirability of having such a work prosecuted was at once admitted by the whole Board; and the plan of operation as laid down by the writer of this report seemed so simple that a resolution was unanimously passed giving the directors authority to organize horticultural societies wherever necessary in the cities, towns and villages in their respective Agricultural divisions; and that the necessary expenses incurred for this work be paid by this Association. At the next annual meeting, when reports from the several directors were called for, each of them, with one exception, stated; that the plan as proposed at the last annual meeting for organizing such societies, although exceedingly simple in theory, was altogether impracticable in fact, and that nothing had or could be done in this line by any of them. The one exception was the director for the 5th division, who reported that he had succeeded in getting one other such society organized in his division; and also that he could see no insurmountable difficulty in getting one or more such society established in almost every county in the Province. After some considerable discussion the subject was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee with power to act in the best interest of this Association. The Committee after due deliberation decided to employ the writer of this report to make the attempt to organize a few such societies in such municipalities as he might be able to reach at the least expense. The work was in due time commenced, with the understanding that a constant communication be maintained between the organizer and the committee, and that the organizer might be recalled at any time at the will of the committee. The committee soon learned that the work was being successfully carried on, and at the same time found

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