

another seedling from the same town were all very fine apples—all natives of this State, and all attracting marked attention in good fruit regions among men thoroughly posted on apples for money. But time and trial can only tell their future. A score of years have been industriously spent in trying to supersede the Wilson strawberry and the Concord grape, and they rank no higher among good fruits than does the Ben Davis. Yet today they stand without a peer—for what? *making money*, and that is what we are all after.—*Prairie Farmer*.

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LETTER FROM MANITOBA.

I have been nearly six years in Manitoba now, and am very much interested in all that pertains to fruit raising and forest tree culture, and any information I can give you on these two subjects, I would be most happy to afford you. So far, I have had very fair success with my small fruit (excepting gooseberries), but with apples I have not been so fortunate. The first ones I planted I obtained from Rochester, N. Y., and they died after I had had them three years—sun scalded. I planted out last spring six Wealthy, six Fameuse, six Northern Spy, and six Red Astrachan, besides a dozen of crabs, and half a dozen Early Richmond cherries, and I hope to have better luck with these. I have planted a willow grove to the west of my little orchard, a single line of willows on the south, and have a belt of bush on the north, so they are only unsheltered on the east. We have plenty of wild gooseberries, currants, strawberries, raspberries, plums, and a sort of high-bush cranberry, about the size of a Red Cherry currant; and I am going to try the effect of cultivation upon some of these. I planted out a number of raspberries from the bush, and the result was very encouraging, for some of the canes fairly broke down with the amount of fruit on them. We have plenty of wild grapes, and I am going to plant some tame ones. I have two Janesvilles heeled in, and will get some Champions and Moore's Early. Perhaps by cross-fertilizing with some of our native grapes, I may succeed in obtaining a variety perfectly hardy, and adapted to our somewhat peculiar climate. Late spring and early fall frosts are the worst obstacles that fruit raisers has to contend with here, but I believe that if our people went into tree-planting as they ought to do, that our extremes of climate would soon be modified. They could not succeed in raising apples, &c., on the prairies of Iowa, until they planted shelter, and I think when the people of Manitoba go and do likewise, that we will be able to raise many varieties of fruit that we have to import at present. We have one advantage that many parts of Ontario do not possess, viz: the soil does not "heave," and that is something for the Manitoba horticulturists. I have been trying, as far as my limited ability would allow me, to get our people to take more interest in beautifying their places, and adding to their comfort, by going in wholesale for tree planting.

—H. P. B., *Thornhill*.