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(HUBBARDSTON NONSUCH.)

ON the model prize list which has been issued by the Canadian Association of Fairs, in their first annual report, we note the name of the Hubbardston, a variety of apple which is less known and less cultivated in Ontario than its merits deserve. It is really one of our best early winter apples, being higher colored than King and more productive than Ribston.

In those sections where it has been found to succeed, this apple should rank high for planting in the commercial orchard; but we hear so little about it at our meetings, and so seldom see it at our fairs, that we conclude it has not been tried in many parts of our province. Some years ago we received some samples from a subscriber at Beamsville, which were very fine and beautifully colored, and the grower said he counted them among his most valuable market apples. Mr. A. A. Wright, M. P., of Renfrew, speaks most highly of the apple for a retail trade, and says that it is the favorite variety called for by his customers.

The Hubbardston originated in Hubbard-

ston, Mass., whence of course it takes its name.

ADAPTATION.

E. MORRIS, Fonthill:—The "Hubbardston" apple is not grown extensively in this section, just a few odd trees. The apple as grown here is a very productive one and of good quality, but ripens a little too early for profitable shipping.

A. E. SHERRINGTON, Walkerton:—The Hubbardston does well here with Mr. Shaw. The tree is a vigorous grower and an annual bearer, and the fruit does not spot. I think it would be profitable.

A. M. SMITH, St. Catharines:—Hubbardston Nonsuch is not much grown in this section, but among our packers is highly esteemed. Titterington & Co. say it is one of the best of the late fall for market. I have never fruited it myself. Some have confounded it with the Blenheim Pippin, which it somewhat resembles, but is smaller in size and a little better keeper, being classed by Downing as an early winter.