

produce a crop of clean fruit. The fruit is of the highest quality, ripening in late September. Although grown extensively in many sections it is not now considered a profitable variety in most of the commercial fruit districts, because of its susceptibility to scab.

*Giffard*: This variety is to be recommended as an early market pear. With good cultivation on rich soil it attains a good average size and usually commands the highest price, because of its quality as a dessert and cooking pear at that particular season. The fruit ripens by the end of July and is medium in size, light green in color with a faint blush. The tree succeeds best on standard stock, making a straggling growth, but is hardy and a very productive annual bearer. The blossoms are self-fertile and the tree is not subject to bad attacks of blight. This variety could be planted more heavily.

*Howell*: This is another valuable variety originating in America at New Haven, Conn. It is a very desirable commercial variety being productive and vigorous, bearing full crops of large sized, good quality fruit.

This variety is recommended for the southern parts of Ontario and is worthy of further planting. It succeeds best on standard stock.

*Kieffer*: This has been one of the most profitable varieties owing to its great productiveness. Good crops are produced almost every season and the fruit will stand shipping any distance. This variety succeeds over a wide area but does best in the more favored sections when grown on good, rich soil. It often suffers from attacks of blight. In recent years it has lost much in popularity due to its poor quality.

The Kieffer is a hybrid, being a seedling from a natural cross of the Bartlett and the Chinese Sand Pear (*Pyrus serotina*). The latter is a native of Asia, being hardy, productive and almost wholly blight resistant, but the quality of the fruit is very poor.

The poor flavor and coarse texture of the Kieffer are characters of its Asiatic parent. This variety should only be planted for shipping to distant markets, or for canning purposes when in demand.

*Lawrence* is a very desirable pear for early winter. It has many characters to recommend it. The tree is hardy and produces good crops of medium sized fruit of high quality. The fruit ripening in December comes at a time when other varieties are scarce. It should not be overplanted as the market is limited.

*Lawson*: This is an early pear of rather poor quality, ripening in August. The fruit is handsome in appearance, but is of little value except for the home markets, and is, generally speaking, not a profitable variety to grow. The tree is fairly vigorous and succeeds best on quince stock. It is grown only in the southern parts of the Province.

*Ritson* is a very valuable variety which originated in Ontario near Oshawa. The tree is a regular bearer of good crops of medium sized fruit, which is of first-class quality. It is valuable for both canning and home markets. This variety succeeds over a wide area and is very profitable where properly handled.

*Seckel* is without doubt the highest quality pear grown in the Province. It succeeds best on quince stock and is very hardy and productive. This is a very profitable variety where it is known on the market, but its small size is against it where its fine quality has not already been recognized. It is not recommended for commercial planting unless it is intended to supply a special market.

*Sheldon*: This high quality, dessert pear is not grown very extensively owing to its shy bearing habit and to the tenderness of the fruit. It is valuable only for