

The very earliest pear is the Doyenne d'Ete, a small but delicious dessert variety, the Seckel of its season, which is about the last of July.

The Chambers follows very closely, and is, in our opinion, most promising for profit. Some years ago we planted two trees in our experimental plot, and these have proved regular and abundant bearers. The fruit is of medium size, yellow, with a pretty shading of red, and the flesh sweet, tender, and of fair quality. So far we do not know that it has a place in Canadian pear orchards, for no one seems to be acquainted with it. It is of American origin, having been brought from Maryland to Kentucky by Judge Chambers, where it was counted very profitable as a market variety.

Then about the middle of August comes Giffard, a French pear of most agreeable flavor and white melting flesh. On our deep rich sandy loam at Maplehurst this pear grows much above medium size, and its markings of red on yellow ground make it a very attractive pear in the market basket. Mr. M. Pettit, of Winona, makes it one of his principal commercial varieties.

Clapp's Favorite follows toward the end of August. A large, beautiful pear, yellow, with rich markings of fawn and crimson, and excellent in quality, if gathered before it becomes mealy. It should not be omitted in planting for the home market.

Of the well known favorite, the Bartlett, we need scarcely speak. It comes next in order, covering the season from the end of August to the middle of September, and it is recognized as our leading market variety;

but it is a standard tree and does not succeed so well as a dwarf.

Louise follows in the end of September, a beautiful pear when grown in rich soil. It is large, pale green, with a brownish red cheek, and of very good quality. This and the Duchess, which is an October pear of very large size, greenish yellow in color, and of excellent quality, about complete the usual list of profitable dwarf pears for our Canadian markets.

Of late, however, our attention has been called to two exceptionally fine varieties of dwarf pears in our experimental plot at Grimsby, viz., Hoosic, a large beautiful yellow pear, of rich, aromatic flavor, and very good quality, ripening in October; and PITMASTON, which we show in our frontispiece, and which is described in report of our fruit stations for 1902. It is an English pear, raised in Pitmaston, England, where it was called Pitmaston Duchess d'Angouleme, a name certainly clumsy enough to bring it ill favor, no matter how great its excellence. Its great size surprised us last autumn, and it appeared to us freer from knots and to grow more regular in form than the Duchess. The tree, too, is productive, and a fine vigorous grower. It is perhaps too soon yet for us to recommend this variety as superior to the Duchess for the dwarf pear orchard, but we are greatly pleased with it so far, and believe it would be one of our best export varieties. Possibly for our home markets its green color may count against it. It is later than the Duchess, keeping well into November.