

In the meantime, nature is quickly doing the work. Here is a good seedling of some old variety, there a good one from some Russian, and now and then one from the crab stocks. The new varieties are gradually supplementing the old, so quietly that few people are aware of it; and by the time the contestants are done disputing, it will be found that there are no Russians and no eastern apples, but a brood of northwestern apples which have grown out of the old confusion.

All these new apples are simply seedlings, almost all of them, chance trees which come up here and there wherever man has allowed nature a bit of ground upon which to make garden as she likes. In 1892, there were 878 varieties of apples offered for sale by American nurserymen, and it is doubtful if one in the whole lot was the result of any attempt on the part of the originator to produce a variety with definite qualities. And what is true of the apple, is about equally true of the other tree fruits. In the small fruits and the grapes, where the generations are shorter and the results quicker, more has been done in the way of direct selection of seeds and the crossing of chosen parents; but even here, the methods are mostly haphazard.

### Athletic Notes.

Shortly after the January issue went to press, Lower Panton challenged the rest of the College to a game of hockey. The game was played on the reservoir in which, in the scuffle of shinney and hockey, Lower Panton came out on top with a score of 2-0. The teams were:

LOWER PANTON.		COLLEGE.	
Allison	goal point cover	McIntyre	{
Marshall		Parker	
Keys	forwards	Rowat	{
Wilmott		McElroy	
Hutchinson		Carlyle	
Mallory		Brokovski	

As was announced in last issue, that after putting the Victorias out of the league, we would have to be pitted against the winners of the National-Preston round. The Nationals winning, it fell our lot to face another Guelph team.

The game was played in the Victoria rink on Tuesday, January 31, before a most enthusiastic

crowd of about 400 spectators. The opposing teams were:

O.A.C.		NATIONALS.	
McCallum	goal point cover	Kruger	{
Hamilton		Dowling	
Wilmott	forwards	Morrison	{
Tandy		Shields	
Evans		Barber	
Robertson		Snell	
Squirrell		Carmichael	

The game started out with Squirrell putting the puck through the National goal posts. The Nationals retaliated but the referee called off side. The College scored again, but this was out-ruled by Tiny Robertson being on the ice when he was ruled off. The Nationals scored a goal, then another, and at half-time the score stood 3-2 favor of Nationals.

After half-time, although the College forwards played fast and hard, and the defence did excellent work, the Nationals scored six more goals, to one for the College; making the total score 9-2 favor Nationals.

During the first half of the game the college boys played good fast hockey, and it looked as if they might be the winners, but the fast skating and good combination of the Nationals, caused them to gradually forge ahead to the above score; thus giving us our first defeat in hockey for the season.

The return match was played in the same rink on Friday, February 3. Up to the last minute the College boys were sure of winning the game and maybe the round, but we were disappointed. When the team was called to the ice, three of our crack men were unable to play, so rather than default and show the white feather, a team was placed on the ice. The teams were:

O.A.C.		NATIONALS	
Allison	goal point cover	Raymo	{
Keys		Morrison	
Wilmott	forwards	Howitt	{
McCallum		Shields	
Hamilton		Dowling	
Squirrell		Snell	
Sickling		Carmichael	

Being thus weakened both by loss and displacement of men, and the Nationals being strengthened both in goal and cover-point positions; what could be expected but a pile up for the Nationals? The game was not as slow as would be expected, the Nationals beating by a score of 10-3.