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KENTISH FILLBASKET.

ONE of the most showy apples that was shown at the Industrial Fair, Toronto, last year, was the Kentish Fillbasket. It is an old English variety of great beauty of appearance, and enormous size; but of ordinary quality. In England it often measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, but reaches a larger size in Ontario; the sample from which this photograph was taken measuring four inches in diameter. We do not know of any other apple of its season to compare with it in appearance, unless it be the German Bietigheimer, some samples of which closely resemble the Fillbasket. Its name certainly is well applied, for very few would fill a basket.

With all its beauty, however, it does not seem to be very profitable, and is not widely grown in Ontario. This is probably due (1) to its season of ripening, (2) its unproductiveness, and (3) the tenderness of the tree. It succeeds best, according to our reports in the Counties of Huron, Bruce and Gray, where the vicinity of Lake Huron ameliorates the climate, but in Victoria and Simcoe

Counties it is not hardy. In the Niagara peninsula it is very little grown.

Mr. A McD. Allan, of Goderich, writes:—I don't see profit in growing it unless it be near a good large city market, where it could be used for cooking purposes. It might, and doubtless would sell well in Britain, if we had a decent sort of steamboat accommodation to carry. It is absolutely worthless in my opinion for dessert, it is only a cooker. A good strong growing tree and good bearer. The tree perfectly hardy here and in other places I have known it.

Origin, England; tree, vigorous, fairly productive, semi-hardy.

Fruit, very large, 3×4 inches, globular, slightly ribbed; color, smooth, shiny, light-green to pale yellow, sometimes almost white, and on sunny side splashed and striped with bright red; stem, stout, short, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, set in a large cavity; calyx closed set in a large plaited basin.

Flesh, fine grained, tender and juicy; flavor, mild sub acid.

Season, October to December.

Quality, poor for dessert, good for cooking, good for home market, and poor for foreign market.