

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

house to the glare of the greenhouse, and that shade is an essential for its best development."

THE LOUISE is one of the finest export pears, providing a first-class sample is produced. On well cultivated sandy loam, well enriched, well pruned, the tree yields a fine crop of large fruit with a beautifully colored cheek; and such stock brought the highest price in the British market, of any pear we sent over in 1898.

A writer in the "Fruit Grower" writes as follows of it: We put Louise Bonne first, and in spite of the claims of several others, we think that we are justified in doing so. Why? do you ask; well, simply because it is a most luscious variety, puts on a grand color, comes to a good salable size, and is exquisite when fully matured. We really wonder if a well-ripened English Louise Bonne has any thing that can be comparable to it as pears go. It is a grand fruit for marketing in boxes, and on that account cannot be too freely grown. We have seen these pears marketed thus going out to the order of the best buyers in the retail trade without having being opened for general view at all, and this proves very clearly that it is an excellent one to grow for profit.

As often grown, however, in Ontario, on soil that is poorly cultivated, and poorly fertilized, the pear is small, and scabby, and unfit for market. It succeeds far better as a dwarf than as a standard.

GOOD PEARS. — The Fruit Grower gives the following list of desirable pears, viz.: Doyenne de Comice, Beurre Hardy, Pitmaston Duchess and William's Bon Chretien (Bartlett).

WORMY AND SPOTTED fruit filling the

English market. It is surprising that our apple shippers will follow the suicidal policy of shipping to the foreign market such rubbish as they have been doing this season. It would appear that the warnings given in this Journal, and in the reports of our meetings have been wholly without effect in hindering this evil of fraudulent packing. Shippers go about the country buying up orchards, and do not hesitate to use the good fruit for facing up the ends of the barrels, and the rubbish to fill in the middle. James Adams, Son & Co., Liverpool, write, November 4th:

The position of things this week has been disappointing in the extreme, the excessive supply of inferior and faulty conditioned fruit having so completely demoralized the market that, to effect sales, wretchedly low prices have had to be accepted. Indeed, hundreds of barrels have been sold at prices that will little more than, if in fact, fully cover freight and charges, and it goes without saying, therefore, that shippers all round will lose heavily. Why the stock should have gone off so suddenly we cannot possibly understand, but seeing that rivals from all sources have been similarly affected, we are inclined to the belief that the weather must have been too warm when packing operations were in progress, a theory which is amply justified by the very heavy shrinkage seen in so many of the barrels. In spite of all this, we do not wish shippers to be altogether discouraged, as the trade is still able to appreciate fruit of good quality when it is available. Even this week some few lots brought fair prices, and the buyers' complaint is that they cannot get sufficient to meet their requirements, so that as soon as reliable stock comes along there is no doubt that things will brighten up again. Fruit that is wormy and spotted, like