

the United States we should still have some advantage. It will be asked,

WHERE IS THE MARKET

for this immense quantity of apples to be found? Well, London is supposed to have a population equal to or exceeding that of the whole Dominion, and will consume an immense quantity of apples if they can be furnished cheap and good. Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and other large cities will take large quantities to supply their wants on the same terms, so that it must be our study to get rates of transportation and other expenses down to the lowest figures, and look for the profits in the increased sales. At the same time we must be careful to sustain the character and reputation of our fruit. We must plant and graft only such varieties as will grow to full perfection, and also possess as many of the necessary qualifications of first-class commercial fruit as possible. These are: good, even size, smooth, round form, bright, handsome, or Russet color, firm crisp flesh good flavor, and good carrying and keeping qualities; add to these a strong-growing, healthy tree, that will bear a moderate crop every year, and you have the perfect variety of apple for commercial purposes. Among the great variety of apples grown in Nova Scotia, we may perhaps select eight or ten that will answer the requirements best in the different seasons. First, Gravenstein for October and November shipments; second, Ribston, Blenheim and King of Tompkins, for December and January, Baldwin and Golden Russet for February, and Nonpareil and other long-keepers for March and April. Of this list the Baldwin has probably the most faults for Nova Scotia growers, but it retains its place, under protest as it were, until such time as a better apple for the season shall be found and proved.

THERE ARE NEW SORTS COMING UP

every year. Nurserymen are always on the lookout for novelties and are not always as particular about testing them as they should be. Sometimes the most highly recommended sorts, sold at an advanced price, turn out perfectly worthless. To all who intend to plant for profit I would say, select but few kinds and take them from those that are most generally recommended, and proved. Leave costly experiments to experts and amateurs. It may be asked why our fruit has not been sent into the London markets at any time since 1861, if it was so well liked there. We have not far to go for an answer. It is the same old story—want of cheap and speedy trans-

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