

persons preferring them for these purposes to the sweeter cherries.

The Early Richmond is probably the best known of this class, this and the Mayduke have been in cultivation in this country for a long time. Our colored plate is a fine illustration of a variety not so well known, but which is worthy of attention by all cultivators of this beautiful fruit. It is both large and of handsome appearance, as will be seen by reference to our illustration, it is also juicy and rich, and when fully ripe of a very agreeable acid flavor. These three varieties, Early Richmond, Mayduke and Large Montmorency, together with the Royal Duke, Reine Hortense and Empress Eugenie make a collection of half a dozen sorts of great excellence, that can be commended for planting anywhere within the limits of our cherry region.

A CANADIAN SEEDLING OF THE JAPAN QUINCE.

We have received from Mr. James Stewart, of Saltford, Huron Co., some blooms of a seedling raised by him from the Japan Quince, which are quite distinct from any variety that we have ever seen or heard of before. The flowers are not uniform in color, some being nearly all white, others white shaded with pink, others marked with crimson. The bush must present a beautiful appearance when in full bloom.

THE ROUGH OSMODERMA.

(*Osmoderma Scabra.*)

We received some time ago from Mr. C. Julian, of Presque Isle, an insect, with the request that we would give the name and habits. On examination it proved to be the female of

Osmoderma scabra. In the larval state this insect feeds on decaying wood of the apple and cherry, and in the imago state feeds at night on the sap which may exude from any wound of the bark. The injury done by this insect if any, is of a very trifling character.

THE SUMMER MEETING

Of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, will be held on Wednesday, July 7th, 1886, in the Council Chamber, at Lindsay, Ont., commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon and continuing through the day and evening. An adjourned meeting will be held on the following day, Thursday, July 8th, at Bobcaygeon, commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Directors will meet at the Benson House, Lindsay, on Tuesday evening, July 6th, at eight o'clock.

D. W. BEADLE,
Secretary.

THE NONPAREIL APPLE.

We have received a letter from Mr. Charles E. Brown of Nova Scotia in which he says that he notices in the *Canadian Horticulturist* an inquiry for scions of the Nonpareil apple, inspired no doubt by an article going the rounds of the papers which is an extract from an after dinner speech of the Hon. J. W. Longley at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, and says that if the inquirer will apply to Mr. C. R. H. Starr, Secretary, N. S. Fr. Grs. Association, Port Williams King's Co. N. S. he will be pleased to send them to him.

Mr. Brown adds that he has no trees of the Nonpareil; cut down the last in disgust, they being in his soil and climate terribly subject to canker, and the fruit would not grow there at all; nor does he esteem the apple in the least, it