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## THE TRIUMPH PEAR

(TRIOMPHE DE VIENNE.)

SOME years ago our Association sent out among its members trees of the Triomphe de Vienne pear, asking them to report on its merits. Previous to this we do not know of its being grown by any one in Ontario. The tree which was sent to the writer has now been bearing fruit at Maplehurst for several years, and we are so well pleased with it that we have made it the subject of the frontispiece for this number.

Like the Anjou, Bartlett, Duchess and many other excellent kinds, it is of French origin, but it finds in Ontario a congenial soil, and promises to be an excellent commercial variety. One point in its favor in these days when we are so given to value everything in dollars and cents, is its large size and showy appearance which would command attention in any market, but, in point of flavor, it is not equal to many other well-known kinds.

The tree appears to be a fine healthy and vigorous grower, and, considering the size of the fruit, may be said to be productive.

The flesh of this pear is creamy-white in color, buttery in texture, and rather juicy,

while the flavor is sweet and very good. In season, it is later than the Bartlett, coming in between the 15th and 30th of September. The season of maturity, however, is of less importance these days than in the days before cold storage, for by this means we can keep tender pears for many weeks after their natural season of maturity.

One of the most important questions which we can ask about a new fruit is its shipping qualities, for, if in ordinary cold storage we may, without too great risk, send a fruit to a foreign market, we may plant it with the assurance that, if our home markets become glutted by over production, as indeed they are certain to be, we may yet dispose of our products across the sea at reasonable prices.

Looking over the list of pears commended as desirable for planting in Ontario, with a view to export, we find in our experimental plot two others which seem worth adding, namely the Hoosic and the Pitmaston, the latter of which we are inclined to look upon with especial favor, and will take an early opportunity to describe for the benefit of our readers.