

varieties. One of these is the Louise, a beautiful autumn pear, when grown as a dwarf on good rich soil; another is the Howell, a large yellow pear, following the Bartlett, and succeeding best as a standard. The dwarf Duchess is an admirable export variety when grown on thrifty trees, so as to be free from knots and scabs. It is large and has already made for itself a market in Great Britain. Another is the Anjou, a large yellow pear of delicious buttery flesh, which is easily kept until Christmas. The Bosc is another excellent export variety; it is a

large and beautiful russety pear, with a long neck, of a delicious flavor when fully ripe. It does not succeed as a dwarf, neither does it make a good trunk when grown as a root graft on pear stock, and therefore it should be top worked on some good upright growing variety. For this some recommend the Kieffer; and we hope wisely, for there is no question that we have too many orchards of this miserable pear already planted in Ontario, and the owners will soon need either to root them out or to use them for top working with better kinds.

Editorial Notes

APRIL is a busy month for the fruit grower. Winter has relaxed her icy grip and the fields and the orchards call for the owner's undivided attention.

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FURROWS and ditches should be kept open for the rapid escape of the surface water, so that the land may be the sooner ready for use. Stakes should be set along low places where water stands to mark where drains are needed.

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ANY LAND that remains too wet to spade or plow for more than a week after frost and snow have disappeared in spring needs draining; and the same may be said of land in which water is found in holes dug two feet deep for two or three days after a soaking rain.

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PACKAGES FOR FRUIT should be secured early in the season. This lesson was well learned last season, when barrels that could be purchased in July or August at 30 cents advanced in October to 50 cents, and were

almost impossible to buy at that price. The basket makers will now store with the fruit grower as many baskets as he chooses to order, and wait until the fruit harvest for his money; and this opportunity is worth taking advantage of.

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THERE IS PLENTY OF WORK for the rainy days, cleaning up and grinding tools, painting the woodwork of plows, harrows, cultivators and old wagons. Besides all the farm harness, much of which has been unused for months, now needs cleaning and oiling with great care.

The Raspberry Plantation

INTEREST in the growing of this fruit has again revived, owing to an improvement in prices, which a few years ago were so discouraging that many rooted up their plantations. Notwithstanding the many new varieties, the Cuthbert is still the leading commercial raspberry for main crop, though the Phoenix is worthy of a place with it in the opinion of Mr. Sherrington.