

fully say that there has evidently been for the last two years a want of vitality in the terminal buds which does not augur well. This does not seem to be the opinion at St. Hilaire, and we hope we are mistaken.

The fruit we can only judge from the specimens on exhibition. These were large—almost very large—roundish and regular. Color, a rich, glossy red, mostly dark, sometimes light, with numerous pretty well defined small grey dots. Flesh, whitish, tender, rather juicy, with a sprightly and rather fine subacid flavor. This apple will ship fairly—that is, it will injure, but will be slow to show its injuries. It is in season the latter part of September and beginning of October.

The Victoria has had but a very limited trial compared with the other varieties we describe, yet we awarded it a special prize; and a specimen sent to Toronto for modelling in wax was so highly prized by those who there saw it as to cause immediate demand for scions. The tree is, to say the least, fairly hardy. What fruit we have seen is of marked beauty and good size, while its quality is by no means disappointing.

#### MOUNTAIN BEET.

Under this uneuphonious name there has been grown at Abbotsford an apple whose market value has been overlooked.

That this "Beet" is a native of our mountain slopes has been doubted by some, from the fact that Boston dealers seemed to recognize the fruit as the "Flesh and Blood" apple—an apple occasionally found in their market. However, the "original" tree is at Abbotsford. It is still in good health and still bearing heavy crops in the orchard of Mr. Abraham Fisk, who remembers its being planted by his father 59 years ago, the nursling having been brought from the seed-bed of the late Joel Frizzle before the arts of budding and grafting were introduced. We may add, too, that suckers from this parent tree are in full bearing in several of our orchards, proving beyond all doubt its seedling origin.

The tree is a vigorous grower, and is more hardy and long-lived than the Fameuse. It is a young and reliable bearer. In