

joining provinces. But as a matter of fact I have never heard of a shipment of these cherries being made, and when the local demand is supplied the balance of the crop is either given away or left for the birds or, perchance, to rot upon the ground. It will readily be seen that the owner of a cherry orchard at the present time it at a distinct disadvantage, since any neighbors that may be invited to share the bounty of his crop invariably share the bounty of his table.

Since this cherry is firm and a good shipper, it seems strange that some attempt is not made to market them outside of the Island. In the vicinity of Summerside or Charlottetown, cherries could be picked in the morning and arrive in St. John or Halifax in time for delivery the same evening, under present arrangements. At greater distances from these centres, they would require to be picked the evening before; but, in any case, they should reach their destination in a prime condition. As they come on the market when there is generally a scarcity of small fruit they should meet a ready sale at good prices. Here it would seem is where a little enterprise might make profitable a wasted asset.

### Large Fruit in England

At a fruit show in Evesham, England, last fall, the quality and size of the fruit shown was remarkable. From the *Birmingham Daily Mail* the following information was taken:

"Some idea of the size may be judged from the fact that six Belle de Jersey cooking pears turned the scale at no less than 11½ lbs., six Catillac pears weighed 10¼ lbs., six Pitmaston Duchess pears 9½ lbs., and six Doyenne du Comice pears 8¼ lbs. A similar number of Sterling Castle apples weighed 7½ lbs., six Lord Derbys 7 lbs., six Bram-

ley's seedlings 6¼ lbs., and six Lane's Prince Alberts 5¾ lbs."

This shows what English fruit growers can do in the way of size. Three of these pears are grown in Ontario, the Belle de Jersey, the Doyenne du Comice and the Pitmaston Duchess. The Pitmaston Duchess is not by any means common; but there are a few. THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST does not know of any one growing the Catillac in Canada; but the size of this and all the varieties mentioned is somewhat remarkable.

With the exception of Lane's Prince Albert, none of the apples have been grown in this country, and the Prince Albert is but little known here as yet. THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST (Nov. 1892), comments on specimens received from Cobourg, Ont., thus: "Lane's Prince Albert is a winter cooking apple, large, clear skin, marked like our Cayuga Red Streak."

If any growers in Canada have tested any of the varieties of pears or apples mentioned, they are requested to send brief reports of their characteristics and value for publication in THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. The list was submitted to Mr. Linus Woolverton, Grimsby, Ont., author of "The Apple Growers' Guide," a work now being published and the following is his reply:

"The Belle de Jersey pear is quite distinct from the Louise Bonne de Jersey. The latter is an excellent dessert pear, quite to be recommended for culture in Canada; the former is another name for Uvedale's St. Germain, a very large cooking pear, sometimes weighing three pounds, and in use in England from January to April. It is not recommended for Ontario.

"The Comice is favorably reported by pear growers in Ontario, for it is of good quality, large size, ripens late in the autumn and keeps well after being fully ripe.

"The Catillac is a French pear of large size, and keeps through the winter, but the flesh is hard and only used for baking or stewing.

"The Pitmaston has been grown for some time in the writer's experimental grounds at Grimsby. It is large, of good quality, and of a fine clear yellow skin, free from blemishes and running fairly uniform in size. It appears to be a desirable export pear.

"Of the apples, Lane's Prince Albert is a large, handsome English apple, raised by H. Lane and first exhibited in 1857. Hogg in his Fruit Manual says it measures three and a half inches wide by three and a quarter high, is a clear pale yellow when ripe, often with broken streaks of bright crimson, and the flesh is tender, juicy and agreeable, so that it is considered an excellent cooking apple. The tree is a marvellous bearer in England.

"Lord Derby is another large English apple, which in that country sometimes reaches four inches in diameter. It is something like our big Gloria Mundi. It is a cooking apple only and keeps in England until about Christmas.

"Bramley's Seedling is also an English apple; it resembles Blenheim in appearance and is counted a valuable cooking apple up to January.

"On the whole, these English apples are not well adapted to the climatic conditions of our province. Some of them succeed well in British Columbia where the conditions seem to be more suitable to them."

In England it is proposed to hold an International Horticultural Exhibition in London in 1912. Preliminary arrangements have been made. Further details will be published later.

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