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PITMASTON

(PITMASTON DUCHESSE D'ANGOULEME)

THIS is a pear which has succeeded so well in our own orchard at Grimsby that we are anxious to see it tested in all parts of Ontario where dwarf pears will flourish.

ORIGIN: Raised by the late Mr. Williams, of Pitmaston, near Worcester, England, from crossing Duchesse d'Angouleme with Glout Morceau, and originally known as Pitmaston Duchesse d'Angouleme.

TREE: Vigorous, productive, and suited to pyramidal training.

FRUIT: Very large and handsome, sometimes $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches long by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide; skin, smooth, fine; color, pale lemon, thickly covered with patches of delicate cinnamon colored russet; stem, one inch long, stout, and inserted either level or in a small narrow basin; calyx large and open, set in a wide cavity.

FLESH: Tender, melting, and very juicy; flavor, very rich, vinous, perfumed.

QUALITY: Very good.

VALUE: First-class for distant shipment.

SEASON: October and November.

REPORTS OF PITMASTON.

DR. ROBERT HOGG, Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society, London, England: "A very handsome pear of the finest quality; in use from October till the end of November. Fruit too large to be grown as a standard."

MR. R. D. BLACKMORE, of Teddington, England: "It is good, but not of the first quality; much better than Glout Morceau or Duchess, but worthless on a wall."

THE DWARF PEAR ORCHARD.

Mr. Wm. Armstrong, Barric, Ont., writes as follows:

SIR.—I am thinking about planting some dwarf pears, such as Bartlett, Duchesse and Clapp's Favorite. What about the Dumisey? Also about some Jagan plums, Red June or Burbank.

I have good strong clay soil, and rich. What would your choice be out of the above pears, and what would you advise me to plant. All for home markets.

In planting an orchard of dwarf pears for the home markets, one should seek to cover the season so as to keep up successive shipments.