

the cultivation of our own orchards and gardens.

In general, the Wealthy may be described as follows:—*Form*, medium sized, oblate, or roundish-oblate; *color*, whitish yellow ground, shaded with deep rich crimson in the sun, with obscure broken stripes and motlings in the shade, sometimes entirely covered with crimson; *flesh*, white, fine grained, stained with red, tender, juicy, sub-acid, with a small core; *quality*, very good; *season*, early winter, keeping, under favorable circumstances, until the last of February. The *tree* is a fair grower, and the foliage handsome.

On account of its great beauty, perfectly clear skin, and excellence as a dessert apple, the Wealthy is worthy of commendation for planting in Southern Ontario in place of the Fameuse, which has become worthless through scab, a disease rapidly gaining ground among our very best varieties. How profitable an orchard would be, if planted with such varieties as Astracan, Duchess, Gravenstein, Cranberry Pippin, King and Wealthy,—all fancy apples, clear of this troublesome scab and commanding the very highest prices in both our home and foreign markets.

One of the special points of excellence about the Wealthy is its hardiness. Its only lack in this respect is a certain amount of unsoundness, or blight, in the trunk. This fault

is complained of by Dr. Hoskins, of Vermont, a gentleman of large experience with the so called iron-clad apples, and also by Mr. Shepherd, of Montreal, a prominent member of the Quebec Fruit Growers' Association, who complains that out of sixty trees of this variety, planted ten years ago, he has lost twenty through this disease. To overcome this trouble it is recommended that the Wealthy be top-grafted upon some iron-clad stock, such as the Tetofsky, which is not subject to it. Barring this, the Wealthy is classed among the hardiest and most desirable kinds to plant in our cold north. Mr. A. A. Wright, an ex-director of our Association living at Renfrew, where the thermometer frequently sinks to 40° below zero in mid-winter, grows the Wealthy with great success. He writes "Plant any number of Wealthies." Mr. J. M. Fisk, of the Montreal Horticultural Society, classes it for hardiness with Haas, the Peach, and the Winter St. Lawrence.

The Wealthy apple has one other fault, which we must not fail to note, and that is the early dropping of the fruit. This begins in the latitude of New York as early as the month of August, and for this reason it is sometimes classed as a fall apple, especially in New York State, where the Fameuse is also so classed, but, grown farther north, it may be ranked as an early winter apple.