

Cornwallis), *Early Bough*, *Early Calkins* (also a native), and *Red Astrachan*, which are cultivated more for domestic use than for commercial purposes. Some of these become fit for use about the middle of August, and continue until the *Gravenstein* and others take their place; the later varieties are, however, of most importance.

The *Gravenstein* deservedly stands at the head of the list for dessert, for the market, and for other uses. The trees are vigorous growers, and not more liable to disease than other sorts. They bear early and abundant crops, and in alternate years as a rule. This apple was introduced into Nova Scotia from England by the late Hon. C. R. Prescott as early as the year 1839 or 1840, and from his generosity in distributing scions, it soon spread throughout our country, and is now the most profitable and deservedly the most popular apple grown. As a market apple it averages one to two dollars a barrel higher than any other sort.

The *Porter* is cultivated to only a limited extent, as in no respect is it equal to the *Gravenstein* for dessert or market, and the trees are not as vigorous or healthy growers. There is quite a list of other autumn apples which are cultivated in Nova Scotia, such as *Fall Jen-netting*, *Autumn Sweet*, *Drap d'Or*, &c., &c.; but the limits of my paper will not allow me to enter into their habit of growth, value for market, or domestic use, &c.

Of early winter and long keepers we have quite a variety; but I must be content with enumerating a few of the most extensively cultivated for home purposes and shipment to England, and to domestic ports.

Perhaps there is no more popular apple in this class than the *Yellow Bellefleur*. It seems to flourish best on a rich, sandy loam; the tree is a rapid and vigorous grower, and produces more wood than any other, so that to obtain large and perfect specimens of fruit, the tree has to be kept well headed. Apples of this sort thus grown, do not keep so well, however, as when the trees are allowed to grow where the ground is not cultivated, nor the trees so closely trimmed.

The old *Ribston Pippin*, one of the best of dessert apples, is cultivated quite extensively in Kings, Annapolis, and Hants Counties, and on a clayey loam comes to good perfection. The tree is not a vigorous grower, and is rather a shy bearer, but bears more or less every year. The fruit is often in perfection in February and March. In the English market they rank equal to the famous *Newtown Pippin* of New York.