

Lawrence, largely grown in some sections of our State, is held in high esteem by those who prefer sweet pears. The fruit is medium to large, melting and of pleasant flavor. Its season is from December to January. The tree is a moderate grower and very productive.

Clairgeau is the largest and most attractive early winter pear in cultivation, and always commands the highest price. The fruit is very large, pyriform, yellow and red, with its red cheek usually very highly colored, nearly melting, and keeps till January, the tree being a good grower and an abundant bearer. This is a very valuable market pear.

I have thus briefly referred to the best winter market pears that have come under my observation. Others might be added, but none, all requisites considered, equal to those specified. This is applied to winter market pears solely.

The pear for market and the pear for the amateur are two different matters. And yet, while the list might be increased in the latter case, where quality is the main consideration, it would be, nevertheless, difficult to name any finer winter pears for the table than Clairgeau, Anjou, Winter Nelis and Josephine.—GEO. ELLWANGER, In *Popular Gardening*.

NOTE.—Some growers have tried exporting pears to the English market and made it profitable, especially with the Anjou, which is sufficiently firm to endure the long period of transit. Our engraving of the Anjou is taken from the pages of *Popular Gardening*, and well illustrates the method of wrapping pears in tissue paper for distant shipments. We tried exporting Bartlett's last summer, but the result was a total failure, as this variety ripens too rapidly when confined in a close apartment

#### PETERBORO' FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.



THROUGH the instrumentality of Mr. E. B. Edwards, of Peterboro' a local Fruit Growers' Association has been established in that place in affiliation with us. There are over fifty members, all of whom are also members of the Ontario Association. In response to their request, Mr. A. McD. Allan and the writer attended the initial meeting, which was held at Peterboro' on Wednesday, March 25th. Although the number in attendance was not very large, yet all appeared to be very deeply interested in the subjects presented.

Mr. E. B. Edwards began the proceedings by reading a paper from Mr. Wade, of Brighton, on "Storing, sorting and shipping apples." He recommended the following as the best varieties for the English market, viz., Summer and Fall: Duchess, Alexander, Ribston, Wealthy and Snow, when clean; the latter when otherwise should never be shipped to the English market.

Among the winter apples, he recommended Greening, King, Ben Davis and others. In the discussion upon the paper, Mr. Allan said that he believed that the prevalence of the scab partly arises from the delapidated condition of our