

## \* Our Book Table. \*

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY has come to hand. We always find much matter that is interesting to us in this report, because the experience of fruit growers in that northerly province is useful to our growers in northern Ontario.

Among other papers is one on "The Farmer's Orchard," by R. W. Shepherd, of Montreal, and in it he gives the following list of apple trees recommended for the farmer to plant: 5 Yellow Transparent for August. 5 Duchess for September. 5 Brockville Beauty for September and October. 5 St. Lawrence for October. 5 Alexander for October and November. 5 Winter St. Lawrence for November and December. 20 Wealthy for December. 20 Fameuse for December and January. 10 Canada Baldwin or Pewaukee for February and March. 15 Scott's Winter for April and May. He says that these varieties can all be grown successfully about Montreal, and the list does not include many fall apples, because at that season farmers are too busy to market their fruit. The Yellow Transparent ripens its fruit there about the first week in August, and keeps a week or two after it is harvested. He considers it good for both cooking and the table. Duchess he counts the most satisfactory of all, and his advice to those who have leisure at that season to handle their fruit to advantage, to plant a much larger proportion than that given in the list. Brockville Beauty is a Canadian variety originating near Brockville. The tree is hardy and bears abundantly; the fruit is of a fair size and beautiful, ripening just after the Duchess in September. St. Lawrence is a tardy bearer, and a slow grower, but when once established, it is a grand tree, growing to a great size and bearing enormous crops of high priced fruit. This is also a Canadian variety, originating in the garden of Mr. Molson, in Montreal. Winter St. Lawrence is a large, beautiful apple, and Mr. Shepherd says it is a very satisfactory one with him. This apple has the quality of remaining on the trees in spite of high winds, and is a profitable apple on account of its attractive appearance and its value for cooking and dessert purposes. Canada Baldwin, according to Mr. Shepherd, is hardy at Comox. The tree grows to a large size, and bears heavily every other year. The fruit is about as large as the Fameuse and very handsome, but only of fair quality. It keeps well into winter. Scott's Winter has been fruited by Mr. Shepherd for over ten years. It is a hardy tree of medium sized red apples, rather tart, but becoming mellow and pleasant eating towards spring. He recommends it because there is no better, that is as hardy a tree.

Rev. J. F. Paradis writes an article investigating the question whether any satisfactory winter apples have yet been found for the Province of Quebec. He says that of the Russian varieties, none, excepting the Borsdorf, have proved good winter varieties, and this is not a profitable fruit because it lacks in both size and shape. Of the American apples of long keeping he has tried Bethel. This tree has given him the best satisfaction of any, although it is a lazy grower. It is hardy and the apples are large and of excellent qualities, keeping well throughout the winter. Should there be no good-keeping apples found among the Russian varieties, he thinks we must rely upon the Bethel and Canada Baldwin for winter apples suitable to be grown in the northern sections. There are many other papers of value, and from some of them we will make selection for this journal.

A DICTIONARY OF BOTANICAL TERMS, by A. A. Crozier, Ann Arbor, Mich., published by Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1892. Cloth, 202 pages.

This will be found an exceedingly useful book to botanists and scientific students of horticulture. It is a great inconvenience to find out the botanical meaning of a word among so many others, in Webster, and besides, there are a great number of terms, which are strictly scientific, and cannot be found in Webster at all. The price is not given.

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