

and *Delphinium*, mixed colors. These will all be sent by mail, post-paid.

#### SEEDLING APPLES FROM ELORA.

We have received from Mr. James Middlemiss, of Elora, a sample of a seedling apple, the tree of which is some fifteen years old and has been in bearing a number of years. We are told that the crop this year was quite heavy, though there was a very good show of fruit both last year and the year before. The sample received was about the size of a well grown Grimes Golden, of a rich yellow color, and in good eating condition. In quality it will rank as "very good" by Downing's standard of "good," "very good," "best." Mr. Middlemiss states that he kept this fruit last year until past the new year; and thinks that with care it would probably keep till the end of January.

#### BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS WITHOUT COST.

Have you considered what a variety of beautiful things are offered you for the trouble of obtaining only five new subscribers? If you want a sample-copy of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, or of the Fruit Growers' Report, or of both of them, you have only to address a postal card to the Editor, St. Catharines, asking for them, and they will be mailed to you at once. Is there anything more beautiful than the various collections of flowering plants offered you? That *Chionodoxa* with its light azure blue flowers with white centre is just charming; the lily has large beautiful snow-white, trumpet-shaped flowers; *Fritillaria* bears lily-like flowers, singularly checquered; the Spanish Iris are most richly colored; and the Narcissus flowers are snowy white with a lovely red cup. But it is not needful that we describe these beautiful things, the most of them are well known to our readers as very desirable orna-

ments in every flower garden, as charming adornments to every home. Can you not spare a little time and show our *Magazine* to your friends and neighbours and send us their subscriptions for the coming year. They will surely thank you before the year closes for calling their attention to a monthly that imparts so much information, that is so very useful to every cultivator of the soil, even though it be but one mere rood of land; and you will have helped us to make it yet more attractive and useful, and by increasing its circulation to scatter yet more widely the seeds of improved Canadian horticulture.

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And the *Report of the Fruit Growers' Association* for 1884, will be sent to any subscriber, post-paid, for *sixty cents*, so long as there are copies on hand to send. A few copies of Vol. VII. and of the Report for 1883 yet remain, which also will be sent on receipt of sixty cents. The whole will be mailed to any address on receipt of one dollar. This is an unparalleled opportunity to secure a large amount of practical information worth many times the cost. Indeed it will save to any one interested in any way in horticulture many an expensive experiment.

#### CROWS DEVOURING APPLES.

A correspondent residing in Nova Scotia writes us that the crows are very fond of the Gravenstein apple, that being the only one out of a large number of varieties which they condescend to eat, and that this fall he lost over a barrel, the crows alighting on the tree and pecking the apples until they fell half eaten and ruined, but they would not touch them on the ground. He was finally compelled to gather them to save what remained.