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THE LARUE APPLE.



HE Larue Apple, known also as the Red Pound and as the Baxter, is a magnificent, large, red apple, very showy and well adapted to be placed on the market as fancy stock. Did it possess the superior quality of the Spy or the King, no apple that we know of would compare with it for market purposes during the months of December and January. Samples of it have several times been sent in to us and all were remarkable for both size and beauty, quite excelling the most handsome specimens of the King that we have ever seen.

The Larue was first introduced to public notice by Mr. D. Nicol, of Cataragui, Director of our Association for Division No. 3, and the history of it was given by him on page 156 of Vol. 12.

He says that at first he gave it the name of Baxter, after an old gentleman who was peddling these apples in Brockville in 1855 at 5 cents each, and who, in reply to his inquiries, told him that the tree from which they were picked was growing near Mr. LaRue's mills, about 13 miles west of Brockville. Mr. Nicol having a nursery near that town, secured some scions of it and propagated about fifty trees under the name Baxter, and these were first of the kind ever propagated in Canada.

On visiting Mr. Billa LaRue, in whose orchard these apples grew, he was informed by that gentleman that the tree sprang from the seed brought by him from France in the year 1813. Mr. LaRue, therefore, not Mr. Baxter, is properly entitled to give his name to the apple, and, in the opinion of Mr. Nicol, it should henceforth be so called.