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A NEW FRENCH PEAR OF FINE APPEARANCE

IT is contrary to our rules in editing this journal to give prominence to novelties that have not been at least fairly well tested by our fruit stations: but, for three years past, a new French pear, in our dwarf pear orchard at Maplehurst, has proved to be of such fine size and quality, and ripens during such a favorable season, that we feel warranted in using it as a frontispiece to this number, even before distributing it among our experimenters for further trial.

We have it dwarfed on quince stock, and the tree is doing fairly well: but, according to M. Ballet, Troyes, France, it is a weak grower on this stock and succeeds much better on pear stock. The tree appears to be productive. The fruit is very large and fine, yellowing in color as it ripens, somewhat like the Anjou. The flesh is melting, juicy, vinous, and very good in quality. Its season is December and January.

PEARS FOR EXPORT

IN planting pear trees, or indeed any kind of fruit trees, one needs to consider first of all the market in which they are to be sold. If they are to go to a near market, such perishable varieties as Giffard, Bartlett, Clapp's Favorite, Boussock, etc., are quite in place: but if intended for Great Britain or our own great Northwest, then varieties of better shipping properties must be chosen. It is only during the last few years that we fruit growers dared dream of exporting tender fruits at all: and, when cold storage accommodation was offered, many

of us were over-confident and sent forward large quantities of those tender pears and peaches which we had originally planted with a view of selling in our own markets. The results, on the whole, of our experiments in exporting Crawford peaches, Bartlett pears, tomatoes and grapes, have been most discouraging, because these fruits would not stand up long enough after arrival to reach the consumers.

We must therefore advise our Ontario fruit growers against planting such kinds for export: and in favor of firmer fleshed