

Fameuse ranks only as a fall apple ; and though in Vermont and Canada we may sometimes preserve it in fair condition through more or less of the winter, yet the occurrence of a warm autumn extending into November, as sometimes happens, proves to us that radically and normally the Fameuse is an apple whose season of usefulness finds its limit at the holidaytime with which the year ends.

Besides its perishability, the Fameuse lacks the size necessary for a commercial apple. High quality atones for this lack where a variety is well known ; yet the Fameuse, which for fifty years at least has been the favorite apple of Northern Vermont and Canada, meets with no correspondent approval in the markets of the large cities of New England. It is a singular fact that what Fameuse apples are exported from Vermont usually go northward to Montreal. The fruit-growers of the Champlain Valley generally refuse to plant the Fameuse on any extensive scale because of the lack of demand for it in the Boston market. Wherever the Fameuse is grown in New England, in fact, it is regarded mainly as an apple for home use or a near market.

An apple for profitable export must be of a good size, attractive appearance, and at least "very good," if not "best" in quality as a dessert fruit. I do not believe that culinary apples will ever be much exported, except as canned or evaporated fruit. Besides the above named qualities, an exportable apple must have keeping quality that will take it nearly or quite through the winter in perfect condition. What apples have we that are likely to be suitable and adapted to this purpose ? I say "likely," because, as yet, there is not one which is generally known or planted in the Province that can be regarded as a suitable apple for exportation. I have named the qualities required by the purchaser. On the part of the grower the requirements in addition will be that the tree shall be reasonably productive and entirely hardy, while not being of such a local character as to be grown successfully over only a small territory. Besides these characters, it must also be an apple that will bear transportation without serious injury. Let us briefly run over our list of winter apples, and see how near they come to or how far they depart from these exacting requirements.