

from reputable nurserymen in Canada or the States, carefully planted and cultivated, the tale to tell of productive orchards in Vaudreuil County to-day would be very different.

RIGAUD DISTRICT.

Messrs. J. & E. McCabe, of St. Henry, have the largest orchard of bearing trees in the county. Their orchard of seven acres (one-half planted twenty years and the other fifteen) is favorably situated on the southern slope of the Rigaud Mountain, and well protected from the north and east winds. The soil is gravelly, and has been artificially under-drained. Messrs. McCabe have cultivated the following varieties: Fameuse, Golden Russet, Lemon Pippin (Eng.), Pomme Grise and Bourassa. They only recommend Fameuse for profit, and speak in the very highest terms of this variety. Golden Russet, they say, comes next to Fameuse, but does not bear so well, and although commanding a higher price is not so profitable per tree. Mr. J. McCabe had not a sample of the fruit to show me, but I am of opinion that these trees are not the Golden Russet of Western New York; they are too upright in growth, and the shoots, by which this variety is easily known, did not show the light-colored specks. The Pomme Grise and Bourassa are gradually dying out, notwithstanding that they have received the same care and attention as Fameuse. The McCabes gathered over nine hundred bushels of apples last season, and the prices obtained average \$3.50 per barrel, delivered at the Rigaud steamboat landing. They sell principally to fruit-dealers in Ottawa, better prices being obtained there than in Montreal.

Three years ago the caterpillar was a perfect plague, and made great havoc with their trees, eating off every leaf, and many of the trees have never recovered from the enervating effects of these pests. The borer has not been destructive in the Rigaud district.

The soil of the McCabe orchard is only moderately rich, but between the rows of trees receives a top dressing of very old and rotten manure, every second year. The example set by the McCabes has been followed by a good many farmers in