

BELLE DE BOSKOOP.

During the past two years, specimens of the fruit of this variety have been received from many widely-separated sections in the Dominion. Judging from the samples received and from its behaviour at Abbotsford, Que., where it was planted in 1885, I am led to believe, in the event of it proving a reliable bearer, that it will be a valuable addition to the list of winter varieties in the apple growing sections of the Dominion. Trees of this variety were obtained by the late Charles Gibb, from Frères Simon-Louis, of Lorraine, France, about nine years ago. At Abbotsford the tree is rather a slow grower, round topped or spreading in habit. Fruit medium to large, sound; skin a russety-green overlaid with dark red. Calyx open, basin moderately deep, stem stout, an inch or more

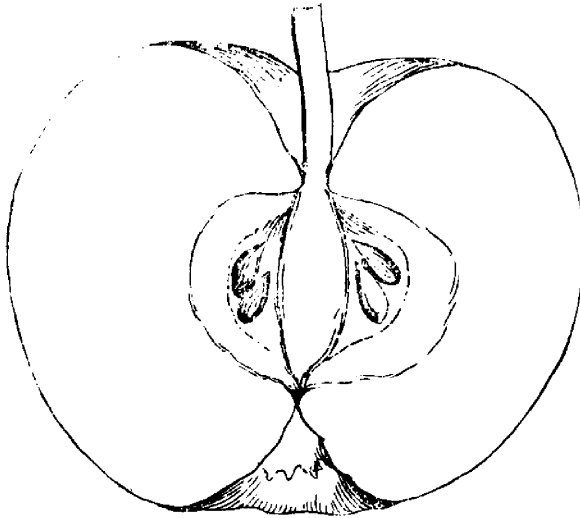


FIG. 529.—BELLE DE BOSKOOP.

in length, set in a deep wide cavity. Flesh firm, of fine texture, tinged with green near the skin, rich and juicy with a breaking quality very agreeable. Season late winter. The drawing has been made from a specimen grown by Mr. R. W. Starr, Wolfville, N.S. Scions were sent him by Mr. Gibb some years ago. The fruit grown by Mr. Starr, excels in beauty and size any that I have seen elsewhere. Frères Simon-Louis have included it in their first selection of valuable winter varieties, and say that in their opinion "it is one of the finest and best of the late table apples."

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