

While collections of apples and pears are solicited from all parts, for comparison and instruction, the chief object of the conference is to utilize the favourable opportunity presented by the fine crop this year, for the purpose of gaining information about the apples and pears grown in Scotland, comparing their merits, and correcting their nomenclature. All fruit growers, especially in Scotland, are therefore invited to send as complete collections as possible of the apples and pears grown in their district; and, as the object is solely educational, there will be no competition and no prizes. It is not necessary that the fruit should be grown by the sender.

No limit will be put upon the number of kinds which any contributor may desire to send; but the number of each variety should be from *two to four*, according to circumstances. The Council are anxious to procure as complete representations as possible of the apples and pears grown in each district, and each variety should be *distinctly labelled, with the name or names under which it is grown in the locality*. It is also most desirable that each collection be accompanied by all the information possible about the climate, altitude, exposure, soil, stocks, method of cultivation, and other particulars, which will be of much value to the committee in drawing up their report. For this purpose forms will be supplied on application to the Secretary.

The specimens being strictly for examination and instruction, they must necessarily be at the disposal of the Council where required.

Intending exhibitors must give notice to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, in writing, not later than *Monday, the 16th November*, stating the number of varieties to be exhibited, and the amount of space that will be required. Collections of fruit may be consigned to Mr. William Young, Assistant Secretary, 18 Waverley Market, Edinburgh, and delivered there on or before *Friday, 20th November*. The Council will pay the carriage of fruit and take all possible care of it, and will also see that it is properly staged for the inspection of the committee; but they will not be held responsible for any error, damage, or loss of any fruit consigned to them. Exhibitors staging their own fruit can do so on *Tuesday, 24th November*; and all must be staged and the hall cleared for the committee by 10 o'clock on the morning of *Wednesday, 25th November*.

Each exhibitor will receive free tickets of admission to the exhibition for himself and such number of assistants as the Council may deem necessary.

Our readers will no doubt desire to know to what extent advantage is being

taken of this excellent opportunity to visit to Kentville. We had not long made known our Nova Scotian fruit in a part of the British Islands to which it has hitherto been a stranger, and where great possibilities of sales and consumption exist.

The Provincial Government has forwarded to the Edinburgh Exhibition a collection, embracing as good specimens as could be obtained, of all our leading market apples, and of others likely to be of interest. The total collection numbers 118 varieties. The following is a list of them:—

King of the Pippins	Balley's Sweet
Fallowater	Ohio Nonpareil
Pewaukee	Malden's Blush
King of Tompkins	St. Lawrence
Canada Reinette	Munson Sweet
Pomme Gris	Autumn Pearmain
Am. Golden Russet	Drap d'Or
Ribeton	Reynard
Rhode Island Greening	Fameuse
Peck's Pleasant	Chebucto Beauty
Margaret's Pippin	Pudsey Rose
Hoxbury Russet	Dutch Codlin
Esopus Spitzenburg	Gravenstein
Cooper's Russet	Cayuga
Vandevere	Emperor
Cabaasha	Fall Jennetting
Baldwin	Bigelow
Nonpareil	Dutch Pearmain
Northern Spy	Black's Red
Blenheim	Morton's Red
Black Gilliflower	Fall Pippin
Minister	Franklyn's Golden Pippin
Mann	Hog Island Sweet
French Pippin	Harris
Colvert	Mother
Hutchings	Doney
Ben Davis	Iron
Herefordshire Pearmain	Greenshade
Jewett's Fine Red	McSweeney's Nonpareil
Hoary Morning	Fox Pippin
Harvey	Baker's Sweet
Keewick Codlin	Sweet Cat Head
Pound Sweet	Broadwall
Chipman	Washington Strawberry
English Golden Russet	Callin's Pippin
McLachy	Golden Ball
Hubbardston	Gravenstein of Waugh
Keain's Spitzenburg	Rhymes
Gloria Mundi	Bourman
Cat's Head	Lady Apple
Mc-mac Codlin	Golden Pippin
Willoughby	Hawthornden
Lycum	Hurbit
Grime's Golden	Willow Twig
Talman Sweet	Hunt's Russet
Holly	Blue Pearmain
Bottle Greening	Westfield Seek-no-farther
Cox Orange	Penn. Long Stem
Mammoth Russet	Yellow Newton Pippin
Bellflower	Queen Charlotte
Eng. Golden Pippin	Green Newton Pippin
Bishopbourne	Danvers Winter Sweet
Wagner	Rambo
Stark	Delaware
Byrnes Bellflower	Schaffer
Newark King	Golden Nonpareil
Pennock	Burbridge
Newtown Spitzenburg	Flat Pippin
Bucks Co. Greening	Glady's

Lists and information, in reply to enquiries, have likewise been sent to the Edinburgh Congress.

To the question, what is the best dessert apples for the respective months? the following reply has been given:—

*August*.—Early Harvest.  
*September*.—Chenango Strawberry.  
*October*.—Gravenstein.  
*November*.—do.  
*December*.—Ribeton Pippin.  
*January*.—do.  
*February*.—Bellefleur.  
*March*.—Northern Spy.  
*April*.—Golden Russet.  
*May*.—Nonpareil.

What is the best culinary apple:—

*August*.—Red Astrachan.  
*September*.—Gravenstein.  
*October*.—do.  
*November*.—do.  
*December*.—King of Tompkin's County.  
*January*.—Blenheim.  
*February*.—Bellefleur.  
*March*.—Baldwin.  
*April*.—Fallawater.  
*May*.—Ben Davis.

Best dessert pears for use in the following months, taking into account free and constant bearing, good size and good quality:—

*August*.—Clapp's Favourite.  
*September*.—Bartlett.  
*October*.—Souvenir du Congress.  
*November*.—Beurre Hardy.  
*December*.—Duchess d'Angouleme.

Twelve best and most profitable orchard apples:—Gravenstein, Ribeton, King of Tompkins, Blenheim, Golden Russet, Nonpareil, Northern Spy, Baldwin, Hubbardston, Fallawater, Ben Davis, Bellefleur.

Six best orchard pears:—Clapp's Favourite, Bartlett, Souvenir du Congress, Sutton's Great Britain, Beurre Hardy, Louise Boane de Jersey.

The three most profitable stewing pears:—Bartlett, Great Britain, Clapp's Favourite.

Pears on quince, or other dwarf stocks, have not, with few exceptions, proved profitable or successful in Nova Scotia.

We hope to be able to give a full account of the Edinburgh Congress, and to tell what was thought of the Nova Scotian collection, in next number of the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE. Meantime we ask our pomological readers to compare the lists given above with the admirable one of Mr. Brown published in the JOURNAL for December 1884, and to give us freely their criticisms.

ANY Society desiring to purchase imported Cotswold Rams or Shropshire Ewes may hear of some very desirable animals for sale, on applying to the Secretary for Agriculture.

On the grounds at the Kentville Provincial Exhibition, commencing in the last week of September and extending to the first week of October, we had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman whose patriotic efforts to promote agricultural improvement in our sister province have been long well-known in Nova Scotia.—Mr. JOHN LAGRE, of St. John. There was no more cheerful countenance at that exhibition, no more robust or healthy man of his age, so far as appearance went. He took a kindly interest in everything that transpired, and gave wise counsel to the judges when they were in difficulty. He was accompanied by his estimable lady. Both evidently enjoyed their