

The apple is the most important fruit crop of Nova Scotia, estimated in 1870 at about 150,000 barrels, and now above 200,000 barrels. Kings and Annapolis furnishing more than two-thirds of the whole, Hants coming next, followed by Lunenburg and Pictou. Kings, however, produces the largest number of sorts of the most popular and recently introduced kinds, and no doubt excels in fine specimens, not only of the apple, but also of pears, plums, cherries, apricots, grapes, &c. In the other counties of the Province not mentioned above, most of the apples are of native sorts, and used as gathered, and for making cider or drying for winter.

The number of sorts grown in Nova Scotia is large, embracing most of the old standard varieties, English and American, as well as a large number of the new and popular kinds.

The following is a list of those for which the Fruit Growers' Association offers premiums at their annual exhibitions :—

Gravenstein, Yellow Bellefleur, Ribston Pippin, Baldwin, Nonpareil, King of Tompkins County, Blenheim Pippin, Northern Spy, R. I. Greening, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Blue Pearmain, Emperor Alexander, Esopus Spitzenburg, Westfield Seeknofurther, Calkin's Pippin, Chenango Strawberry, Porter, Duchess of Oldenburg, Pound Sweet, Gloria Mundi, Chebucto Beauty, Fall Jenneting, Cabashea or 20 oz., Pippin, Flushing Spitzenburg, Canada Reinette, Pomme Grise, Clyde Beauty, Broadwell, Fameuse or Snow, Golden Russet of Western New York, Drap d'Or, Colvert, Talman Sweet, Munson Sweet, Bishop Bourne, Keswick Codlin, Golden Sweet, Roxbury Russet, Morton's Red, St. Lawrence, Early Bough, Golden Pippin (old English), King of the Pippins, Yellow Newton Pippin, Calkin's Early, Mother, Delaware Harvey, Paradise Pippin, Golden Drop, Hawley, Golden Ball, William's Favorite, Yorkshire Greening.

CRAB APPLES.—Large Red Siberian, Transcendent, Hyslop, Montreal Beauty.

This list varies from time to time, as new sorts are introduced, and some of the old kinds are rejected. I may also mention that they are not arranged according to their popularity or market value; yet we consider for all purposes the first eight or ten kinds the best for Nova Scotia.

Of the early sorts of apples we have quite a variety, namely :—*Early Harvest, Early Joe, Sops of Wine, Early Sutton* (a native of