

NAME OF THE TREE	GROWTH	DAMAGE BY COLD	REMARKS
Longfield.....	Thrifty.....	None.....	
Roschdestwenskoe.....	Good.....	End of branches one.....	
		inch winter killed...	
Titovka.....	Thrifty.....	None.....	

These notes do not offer much interest just now, but, as I intend to continue them from year to year, they will become more interesting as the trees will become older, give fruit and show their true character, with the defects and qualities they will offer to us inhabitants of the cold districts of the Province.

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC:

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By commercial orchard I mean an orchard planted solely with a view to the revenue to be drawn from it. In planting such an orchard, the chief, I may say the only object, is to make money, and to attain that end only such sorts as are calculated to yield a profit will be planted, whether they be good or only mediocre. It may be that a third or fourth class fruit, such, for instance, as the Ben Davis apple, may yield better returns with a smaller outlay of capital, talent and labour, than a high class fruit like the Northern Spy, and in such a case it would be the right one to plant. It is questionable, however, if the public would not in time get over the depraved taste that permits the purchase of such poor fruit as the Ben Davis.

The apple is the orchard fruit, *par excellence*, of the Province of Quebec. A very few pears are produced, as well as a few plums and cherries, but the quantity is so inappreciable as not to call for mention; so that, when I speak of orchards, I mean apple orchards exclusively.

It is a matter of regret to all of us who take a lively interest in the subject that the range of our larger fruits is so limited, and it is to be hoped that in the near future it may be greatly extended, as a good deal of well-directed effort is being put forth in that direction.

The principal orchard section of the Province of Quebec is the island of Montreal. Its soil produces the sorts of apples chiefly consumed in the city, in the greatest perfection. They are of large size, fine texture, glowing colour, and delicious flavour, and are produced in great abundance. And, proximity to the city, the great centre of consumption, must naturally lead to ever-increasing areas being given up to the production of this most important fruit.

Besides the counties of Jacques Cartier and Hochelaga, which, together, compose the Island of Montreal, outside of the city, the Counties of Huntingdon,