

The fruit sent is the produce of a tree raised from the seed of a Harvest Apple, as I learn from the person who sowed the seed, and from whom I last year purchased the farm on which it is growing; the tree is from 10 to 15 years from the seed, and is now growing on a light sandy loam which is seeded down to grass, and the sod appears to be of 4 or 5 years' growth. It has every appearance of a Crab tree, and is, I presume, as hardy and productive as trees of that class, though this is only the first year in which it has borne a full crop, the growth having been retarded by frequent transplantings.

I have been trying to keep the fruit to show at the fall meeting of the Society, and it is therefore perhaps a little too ripe, and has therefore lost a little of the acidity which I think gave it a flavour perhaps better than in the ripe state. The size of the fruit is equal to that of the best crabs I have seen, even in this season, which has been extremely dry in this section, and the flavour, I think, decidedly better than that of our Harvest Apple, being more juicy and lively. It was ripe two or three weeks since, or about half way between the time of ripening of the Harvest Apple and Siberian Crab, and was the earliest fruit we had fit for use before the new potatoes were ready for use, and when the old ones were done and none in the market, we found this crab or apple very useful, for it made very good sauce, although at that time, of course, far from ripe.

I am of opinion that there are very few apples ripe at the same time that are equal to this crab as a dessert fruit, and without taking into consideration the hardy character of the tree, the fruit is fit to compete in point of flavour with the product of any part of Canada, whether called by the name of apples or crabs.

Your obedient servant,

A. HOOD.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET,  
*Convener.*

#### MR. LOUGHREY'S SEEDLING PEACH.

Size medium, colour dull reddish; flesh yellow, juicy, rich, and high flavoured; stone not quite free.

W. S.  
R. B.,  
*Committee.*

London, 14th September, 1878.

#### J. BARTLETT'S SEEDLING PLUM.

Size under medium, form nearly oval, with a slight shoulder at the stem; colour deep red with a purplish bloom; flesh dull orange yellow, juicy, acid, but not high flavoured; flesh adheres to the stone. This plum being of a comparatively small size and poor flavour, is not, I should consider, worthy of any extended cultivation, unless there are some other good points connected with it apart from the fruit, such as hardness, productiveness, &c.

W. S.  
R. B.,  
*Committee.*

London, 16th September, 1878.

#### S. GREENFIELD'S PLUM.

Ottawa, 22nd August, 1878.

MR. PRESIDENT,—Mr. S. Greenfield, a member of our Association, has presented me for inspection several specimens of plums of which I have the pleasure of forwarding by this day's mail a sample. They are a seedling from the "Magnum Bonum." Several of the samples measured  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches round, and 5 inches round the length of the fruit. Mr. Greenfield has several of the seedling trees; they are perfectly hardy in this climate; they began