

## THE WOLF RIVER APPLE.

SIR,—Please give me some information concerning the Wolf River apple. Is it a good keeping apple and which is the best for market, it or the Wealthy? How does it compare with the latter in hardness? Will the Wolf River keep as well as the King, and what is the quality?

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The Wolf River originated in Wisconsin and is supposed to be a seedling of the Alexander, which apple it resembles. Barry describes it as large to very large, roundish, oblate; pale, greenish-yellow, shaded with light and dark red on the sunny side; flesh white, rather coarse, juicy, pleasant, mild sub-acid and of a peculiar spicy flavor. Early winter. Tree vigorous and very hardy.

So far as we know this variety has not been tested to any extent in Ontario, but if any readers of this journal have grown the apple we shall be glad to hear from them in reply to our correspondent.

Since writing the above we have received the following lines from Dr. Hoskins, from Newport, Vt., concerning this apple:

In reply to your enquiry about the Wolf River, I have grown it, and find it much like its parent, Alexander, but not nearly so hardy, as one of our test winters killed every tree of mine to the snow line. But the same winter, at Montpelier, nearly as far north, but not so high up, they were not seriously injured. Let me say, if one wants an apple of this Russian family, the "Aports," Grand Duke Constantine is decidedly the best I know. It resembles Alexander very closely, but is much better in quality, and keeps perfectly up to this time. Mr. John Craig has seen my tree of it, and gave me the name, as I doubted its being Alexander before he saw it. As to the keeping of Wolf River, I cannot say certainly, as my trees were just coming into bearing when killed.

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## Question Budget

13. Which is the cheapest fertilizer, manure at \$1.00 per ton; ashes at 10 cts. a bushel; or slaked lime at 7 cts. a bushel, all delivered?
14. Which pays best, small fruits or the apple orchard?
15. Will it pay to dig out young apple orchard, just in bearing, and of the best varieties, in order to plant grapes or small fruits?
16. What is the proper temperature for the cellar in which bees are to be wintered?
17. When should bees be removed from the cellar?
18. May bees not be left out doors in winter, with some protection?
19. What is full brood among bees?