

The fruit is a pale, waxen yellow, very beautiful; in form and appearance it much resembles Montreal Peach. Ripens with Red Astrachan or very soon after. Is less acid than that variety, and is a nice fruit for family use.

6. *IRISH PEACH (*Summer Crofton, Early White Crofton*).—Of this variety I have one tree (sixteen years planted), a few top grafts and two young trees. The tree is rather slow in growth but quite hardy, and bears moderately every year. The fruit is hardly medium in size, oblate, pale yellowish-green dotted with brown, and cheeked with dull red on the sunny side. In quality it is first-rate, but very soon loses its flavor and becomes mealy and insipid. Yet, as an early fruit of fine quality and ripening just before Early Joe, I prize it highly.

7. RED ASTRACHAN is of special value as a market fruit. The tree is not long-lived (compared to others), but is fairly hardy, bears young, and, when eight or ten years planted, gives large biennial crops. It ripens unevenly, which I think an advantage, as it is more or less perishable. It brings the highest price in the Montreal market.

8. SOPS OF WINE has proved fairly productive. Is full medium in size and a striking dark crimson in color; flesh white, often stained with red; moderately juicy, but soon becomes mealy. In flavor it is a mild sub-acid, with a peculiar vinous flavor; ripens with Duchess, and is a really nice apple for family use.

9. STRAWBERRY (*of Montreal*) is a valuable market apple; tree very erect in growth, and, like the Northern Spy, needs severe thinning. The fruit is medium in size, fair quality, fair appearance, and ripens just after Duchess; sells well, and with many has proved a valuable market sort.

10. TETOSKY.—There is no doubt about the hardiness, early bearing or productiveness of this tree, but the fruit, which is of fair size and very pretty, is undoubtedly acid and perishable; it might be valuable for a near market on account of its earliness. I do not recommend it.