

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION ON SEEDLING FRUITS SHOWN AT PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Your Committee appointed to examine the seedling fruits shown at the Provincial Exhibition, beg to report as follows :—

APPLES.

Prenyeu.—This is a seedling from Prince Edward County, and one very much esteemed by fruit growers about Belleville. It is a medium-sized fall apple of a greenish-yellow colour, sometimes tinged with reddish; flesh close-grained, yellow, mild, sub-acid, juicy and very highly flavoured, an apple which we think deserves to be widely disseminated.

Grimsby Beauty.—One of the handsomest apples on exhibition, medium in size, well formed, whitish yellow with a brilliant red cheek. Flesh white, fine-grained, juicy, sub-acid with a pleasant flavour, maturing late in the fall. This is a fruit so very attractive in appearance that it would command a ready sale anywhere.

J. G. Ten Eyeke, of Grimsby, shows a fall seedling, a pretty apple above medium size, of a yellowish green colour, with a fine blush cheek, flesh fine-grained and sweet; a good sweet apple.

Mr. Wm. Roy, of Owen Sound, exhibits four varieties of seedling apples, one a fall dessert apple of medium size and good quality. The others are winter apples, which we suggest should be submitted for examination at the next winter meeting of our Association.

A number of other winter seedlings were on exhibition, but it was impossible to judge fairly of their quality in so immature a condition.

Mr. McCulloch, of Sault Ste. Marie has on exhibition a number of seedlings of Fameuse, raised by him at the Sault, all fall apples, several of which are very promising, and from their hardiness will, we hope, prove to be valuable additions to our list of very hardy apples, suited to the more northern districts of Ontario. We hope Mr. McCulloch will have several of the best of these propagated, so that opportunity may be afforded of testing them in other northern localities. Since none of these seedlings were either named or numbered we are unable to designate those which we esteemed most highly.

PEARS.

Mr. R. M. Wanzer shows a fine fall seedling pear, above medium size, not fully ripe, but which we believe will prove to be a variety worthy of more extended cultivation. In form it resembles the Duchess d'Angouleme; flesh rather coarse, pleasantly granular, sweet, juicy, and of good flavour.

Mr. P. C. Dempsey, of Prince Edward County, exhibits a small sized fall pear, a cross between White Doyenne and Josephine des Malines, yellow in colour with a fine-grained, melting flesh and high flavour; a pear which will be highly esteemed by amateurs, but of little value for market on account of its small size.

GRAPES.

Mr. Rickett's seedlings, from their size, number and handsome appearance, attracted much attention, and we shall first refer to some of these.