

reception. In the prize for the "best five varieties," merit of fruit is the sole consideration. For this there were nine entries, and this table of forty-five plates was that of which connoisseurs could not cease to speak. We are proud to say that of the three prizes in this section all were held by Abbottsford men.

After the Exhibition we sent a box of samples to Toronto, where specimens were being selected from which to make casts for the Paris Exhibition. We learned, to our surprise, that several specimens of our old varieties there met no worthier rivals, and some of our natives (seedlings); then for the first time brought to notice, were so highly prized by the Ontario nurserymen, who there saw them, as to cause immediate demand for scions.

Of apples there were upon the tables 400 plates, including 38 plates of crab apples. This collection embraced over 70 varieties of apples, and 17 of crabs, besides others but locally known and little prized. This collection in quantity, variety and extent was, as far as we can ascertain, at least as fine as any that competition has gathered in our Province.

The following "undescribed" apples we wish to draw attention to. They are named in order of ripening:

FALL MELLOW (so-called).

This apple deserves description. It was brought here 30 years ago, by Rev. Thomas Johnson, from the nursery of one Jas. Finlayson, at East Hatley. Mr. G. W. Cook procured from New Hampshire the grafts used by Mr. Finlayson, but now states that he has no knowledge of any such variety as we describe. That this is a foreign fruit seems almost certain, but more we cannot say, for the Committee of Nomenclature of the American Pomological Society has been unable to identify it.

In nursery, the tree is hardy, yet a tardy and crooked grower, often causing dissatisfaction to purchaser.

In orchard, it still grows slowly, and forms a small tree with horizontal branches, but is exceedingly tenacious of life and a profuse bearer.