

any pole-fence. None have been injured by mice or snow-drifts. The land has been ploughed and the trees now look very well. The land will not require draining. The orchard is sheltered by the high hills to the North and East; but a good deal exposed to the South-West wind. This wind is supposed to be the most injurious one to fruit trees here, as it is the most prevailing one, and blows cold from off the waters of the Bay of Fundy. The names of the varieties were not obtained.

Parrsboro, 24th October, 1873.

5TH.—MOSES HATFIELD AND CHAS. SMITH, FOX RIVER.

Purchased 40 trees from Mr. Samuel G. Kerr, of Cornwallis, in the spring of 1871. They are set out 40 feet apart each way, on grass land, and 31 of them now survive the ravages of mice, which attacked them the first winter. They are protected by a substantial pole fence; and each tree has been dug around, and an opening three feet in diameter filled with compost, and the tree banked up as a security against mice this winter. Part of the field was ploughed and manured, and grain and potatoes raised on it in 1871, 1872, and 1873; but the growth of the trees on the grass land exceeded that of those on the cultivated ground. It may be accounted for by the grass land on the west side of the field, at the base of the hill, being richer, better sheltered, and better warmed in winter with deep snow. The orchard is near the house on the west side of Fox River, and sheltered from the West wind by the buildings and a high hill, and from the East wind by a high hill on the East side of Fox River. The field is level, and so dry as not to require draining. No diagram was prepared showing the position in the orchard of the different kinds of apples. They are, no doubt, selected from the most approved varieties now grown in Cornwallis. Many of the trees look thrifty. It is an excellent location for an orchard, and every success may be expected from it if proper skill and care are employed in the future management of it.

Parrsboro, 24th October, 1873.

6TH.—ROBERT KERR, FOX RIVER.

Has 33 trees, purchased from Mr. Samuel G. Kerr, of Cornwallis, in the spring of 1871. They are set out on intervale land, on the margin of Fox River, and on the west side of it. Part of the ground has been cultivated, and crops raised on it the past three seasons. The trees have been well attended to by loosening the earth around them and manuring them, and nearly all of them now look healthy and thrifty. They are near his house and sheltered from the East and West winds by the high hills on either side of Fox River. The land is rich, and so dry and open as not to require draining. The trees are within a large field where no cattle or sheep are admitted. They comprise the "Monster Pippin," "Long Pippin," "Astrachan Strawberry," "Early Harvest," "American Sweet," "Red Astrachan," and other varieties. It promises to become a most valuable orchard.

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7TH.—HENRY KERR, FOX RIVER.

Has 25 trees, purchased from Mr. Samuel G. Kerr, of Cornwallis, in the spring of 1871, and 10 other trees grafted by himself in the

spring of 1871. They are planted at the base of the hill on the East side of Fox River, 25 feet apart each way, on gravelly land that will not require draining. The 25 purchased are enclosed by a pole fence. The 10 grafted by himself, by a board fence. Part of the land has been ploughed, and crops raised on it for the last three years. The remainder was in hay. They are sheltered from the East and West winds by the high hills and woods on either side of Fox River. They are near the house, and, with proper care in future, promise to become a valuable farm improvement. The owner being from home, the names of the varieties were not obtained by us. They are probably the same as those furnished to Mr. Robert Kerr and others at the same time by Mr. Samuel G. Kerr of Cornwallis.

Parrsboro, 24th October, 1873.

8TH.—ALEXANDER FULLERTON, JR., DILIGENT RIVER.

Has 32 trees procured from David Taylor, in the spring of 1871. They are from Shaw's Nursery in Cornwallis. They are set out about 30 feet apart each way at the Base of Wood's Mountain, on the side. After the growth of three summers they all look very well. They are on the North side of the main road, opposite a spot where he is preparing to build a dwelling-house. The land is dry, properly enclosed by a board and pole fence, well cultivated, in good condition, and will not require draining. The orchard is well sheltered on the North side by Wood's Mountain. The proprietor was from home and we could not obtain the names of the varieties. They are thought to be the same as those supplied by Mr. Taylor in the spring of 1870, from the same nursery, to other parties in Parrsborough, viz., Porters, Strasburgs, Bishop Pippins, Gravensteins, Baldwins, and several others not named.

Parrsboro, 24th October, 1873.

9TH.—JAMES LAW, KIRK HILL.

Has 30 trees, supplied to him in the spring of 1871 by Samuel G. Kerr, of Cornwallis. They are set out near his house, on a side hill, with a descent to the North-East, two rods apart one way and one rod and a half the other. The land has been well cultivated and manured and will require but little draining, although a heavy clay soil. It is sheltered Westwardly, Eastwardly and Southwardly by trees and rising ground. Its Northern aspect will probably be found advantageous to it when it comes into bearing. The late Titus Smith of Halifax, and other agricultural writers, say that the North side of a hill is the best position for orchards in this country, as they come into bloom late in the season, and thus escape the early frosts. It is enclosed by a pole fence which will require to be strengthened. Some of the trees were broken by the snow-drifts of last winter, but none have been injured by mice. Altogether the trees present a good and healthy appearance and will, no doubt, in a few years, if duly cared for, become a most valuable orchard. The varieties are the "Autumn Strawberry," "Bishop Pippin," "Ribston Pippin," "Monster Pippin," "Baldwin," "Roxbury Russet," "Early Harvest," "American Sweet," and "Gravenstein."

Parrsboro, 25th October, 1873.

10TH.—CHARLES LEAKE, CROSS ROADS.

Has 50 trees, purchased from Mr. Guthridge, of Horton, in the spring of 1871. They

are set out on the south side of a small hill on the West side of the main road leading to Amherst. They are well sheltered from the North and West winds by a spruce grove on the crest of the hill, by his buildings and by high land and rocks to the westward. The land is a light loam, has such a descent, and is so dry, that it will not require draining. The trees are 30 feet apart each way, and enclosed by good pole fences. Besides these young trees he had one hundred or more grafts put into his old orchard trees by Mr. Benjamin, of Horton, in the spring of 1871. About one quarter of these have grown well each year since they were put in. The new orchard has been manured, and potatoes grown in it this year. Some of the trees are small and some have been broken off by snow-drifts. This detracts from the beauty and present value of the orchard. The trees uninjured are growing and looking well. The proprietor was from home, and the names of the varieties were not obtained. His prospects now are good for having, in a few years, with the application of skill and care, and filling in vacancies as they occur, a grafted orchard of sixty trees and upwards.

Parrsboro, 29th October, 1873.

11TH.—JESSE FULLERTON, ESQ., HALFWAY RIVER.

Has an orchard of 40 trees, on the North side of his house, all from the Shaw Nursery, Cornwallis, from David Taylor, part in the spring of 1870, and part in the spring of 1871. They are near the main road, with an eastern aspect, at the base of a hill running to the West. They are placed about 30 feet apart each way, and are enclosed all around by a good picket fence. The ground has been well cultivated, and it is enriched by the wash from his barn and the cultivated fields above. It will require but little draining. The trees are well sheltered from the West and South-West winds by his buildings and the high land in the rear. Besides these 40 trees he has nearly as many more in the same position on the south side of the house, part procured from David Taylor, out of Shaw's Nursery, Cornwallis, and part from Mr. Benjamin, of Horton. Those from Mr. Benjamin have only been one season set out and could not enter into the competition. The others, supplied by David Taylor, were set out in the spring of 1870 or 1871, and may be added to the 40 first mentioned to claim a premium, making about 60 grafted trees two years set out. The orchard on the south side of the house has not received the same attention as that on the north side. It is poorly fenced, and the land has been but poorly cultivated. Yet it comprises several fine-looking trees, and may be made attractive, and perhaps as valuable, as the other with the necessary care.

After having examined all the orchards in competition we knew of, and on a second inspection of Mr. Fullerton's, we thought it presented the best appearance of any we had seen. The trees are stout, upright, properly trimmed, fresh and clean. It is more nicely fenced than any of the others, and the ground being well cultivated and altogether free from grass, gave it, in our estimation, an important claim. Only one of the others had been so thoroughly cultivated, and the trees there plainly enough shewed the benefit of it. To this one we adjudged the second premium. The varieties of those obtained from David Taylor, by Mr. Fullerton, in