

little dessert apple. There are about a dozen trees of it in the orchard of the Hon. E. Prud'homme, at Coteau, St. Pierre. They have been planted some seven or eight years, but some of them are twenty years old. It has proved profitable, but is not among the five best kinds for profit. Its chief merit is as a dessert apple, for which purpose it comes in just before the middle of September." Of the POMME DE FER, the Committee say that it is not likely to be planted in future except in limited quantities for home use. They say of the STRAWBERRY OF MONTREAL that they know nothing of its origin, the oldest tree known to them is a grafted tree, planted by the late Charles Bowman, at Fordeu, Cote St. Luke, about the year 1835. Of late years, Messrs-Lacombe, Bigarreau, and Desmarchais, of Cote des Neiges, have propagated it largely. On the whole, they think it deserves more extensive cultivation as a hardy tree, whose fruit, ripening at the same time as the Duchess of Oldenburg, is yet superior to it in quality, and commands a ready sale in the market. The Committee say of DECARIE, that amateurs should grow this handsome fruit; but though it is hardy, saleable, and a heavy bearer, yet commercial orchardists name five other apples to be preferred before it. They do not mention the MOUNTAIN BEET, which is a singular fact, in-as-much as one of the members resides at Abbotsford, where Dr. Hoskins says it is planted for profit.

The varieties which this Committee name as the best for profit in that section of the country are, first the Fameuse, which holds the first place without a rival, especially on account of its adaptability to various soils, and being their heaviest cropper, selling at \$5 per barrel; second, the St. Lawrence, which brings, in the city market, thirty per cent. more than the Fameuse, in this way compensating for its smaller crop, which is from one-half to three-fourths that of the Fameuse; third, the Alexander, which bears about two-thirds as much as the Fameuse, and sells for \$5 per barrel; fourth, the Red Astracan, which sells at \$2 per bushel; and fifth, the Duchess of Oldenburg, which bears very nearly as well as the Fameuse, and sells in the city at from \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel.

SOME OF THE EARLY FLOWERING SHRUBS.

When the Winter is past, and the snow wreaths are gone, and the soft south wind comes in the place of him of the icy breath;