

The pear will grow in our ordinary orchard soils—but it can be produced to great perfection in our rich deep loam. It requires a high state of cultivation. The relative value of apples and pears are 1 to 4. Although the apple is our staple production, yet I think it would be very unwise to confine our attention solely to that one fruit. There will be years when from some cause or other the apple will be a failure. It is in mixed fruit growing that we can obtain the greatest results.

Pears are in a general way divided into standards and dwarfs. The standard is grown by grafting on the pear stock. The dwarf by grafting on quince stock. The dwarf seldom grows more than 8 to 10 feet high.

The ground should be highly fertilized and well cultivated, and one-half of the previous year's growth should be kept back. Under this treatment you will have success. Those who have made a failure in growing dwarf pears trees must have made mistakes. One reason of failure is in not planting them to the required depth and not cutting them back. The tree succeeds best grown in a pyramid form. The lower branches should not be more than one foot from the ground. Some pears grafted on the quince, excel in quality—such as the Duchess and Beurre D'Anjou. If one is planting an orchard from 30 to 40 feet apart, the space between can be filled up with dwarf pears 10 to 12 feet apart, which will yield profitable returns. I would advise planting dwarf instead of standard varieties.

With respect to growing the early varieties, we have not canneries and a local market in order, perhaps, to make them a success. Wherever I have seen pears in this Province, they have done excellently—they have borne heavy crops and excellent fruit. I do not see why pear growing should not become as great as the apple industry is now. The boxes are generally supposed to hold a bushel, but I cannot vouch for the fact that they always do. I saw a quotation of \$4.00 in the Glasgow market last year. I believe that if they were more extensively cultivated and put upon the market, that the demand would increase.

C. R. Starr.—What variety of winter pear would you recommend?