

*Lombard, Bradshaw, Goliath, Pond's Seedling, Smith's Orleans, Duane's Purple, Coe's Golden Drop, and many others.*

There are, of course, some drawbacks, the worst is the "black-knot," which has destroyed whole plantations, but it is being better understood, and close pruning and horning of the afflicted branches before the fungus arrives at maturity, has been found the best method of combating the disease.

The "curculio" is common in some parts of the Province, but the injury done by them in large plum orchards is not as perceptible as where the trees are but few. In many instances a benefit is experienced from their work in thinning the overcrowded fruit; but still, I fancy that most persons will prefer to do their own thinning, and would banish the little Turk from the premises if possible.

Cherries have been grown from the first settling of the country, and usually give good crops. The old *Kentish*, used formerly to be grown by the roadside, and in the gardens of many of the farm-houses of the valleys of Kings and Annapolis, but most of those old trees have died out, and their places are filled by the *Dukes, Hearts, and Bigarreaus* of the present day. A section of country lying between the towns of Annapolis and Digby, on the south side of Digby Basin, seems remarkably adapted to the production of this fruit, large quantities being annually shipped from that locality to the different markets. The kind mostly cultivated seems to be peculiar to the place. It is a medium-sized *Black-heart* variety, which is propagated, I am informed, both from seed and from sprout. I am not aware how or where the variety originated; but if it has the property of reproducing itself from seed, as is asserted, it must be valuable, especially as the quality will rank from good to very good. Of the known sorts that are most common, I would mention—*May Duke, Early Purple Guigne, Black-heart, Black Tartarian, Waterloo, Yellow Spanish, &c.* Many new sorts have been lately introduced with more or less success, among them is *Belle de Choisy*, which is very much liked by all who have fruited it. Quinces are successfully grown throughout the valley, but seem to do best in the vicinity of Annapolis town, many gardens there being fully stocked with trees and yielding good crops. The apple-shaped is mostly grown, but we have both the angers and the pear-shaped.

Currants used to be grown in quantities without much care or cultivation before the advent of the currant worm. Since then, as it is