

APPLES—HARDINESS.

Hardest kinds in order of preference :—Tetofsky, Duchess of Oldenburg, White Astrachan and Peach ; next to these, in alphabetical order, Alexander, Ben Davis, Fameuse, Red Astrachan, St. Lawrence. Tetofsky assumes this position partly from its hardiness in the north-eastern and north-western States.

CRABS.

Our statistics give us, in order of preference :—Montreal Beauty, Transcendent, Queen's Choice (very hardy in unfavourable localities), Red Siberian, Montreal Waxen (considered by some the most profitable for the Montreal market), Hyslop. The Montreal Waxen is that known in Ontario and United States as M. Beauty.

PEARS.

We give a digest of the experience of a few in Montreal, therefore a *local* experience, to be received with great caution :—

Shelter by buildings, hedges, &c., almost necessary ; trees must not be forced in nursery, nor in orchard, until in bearing ; none recommended for profit. The best five kinds are—Flemish Beauty, Belle Lucrative, Glout Morceau, Lawrence, White Doyenne. These last four not in order of preference. The following also deserve special mention :—Beurre Diel (reliable), Bon Chrétien (perhaps not as good as it used to be), Bartlett (not as hardy as some), St. Ghislain (very hardy), Napoleon, Onondaga, Louise Bonne de Jersey (reports contradictory as to its hardiness), Howell, Oswego Beurre (very hardy), Osband's Summer, Rostiezer, Kingsessing, Clapp's Favourite (promising to be very hardy).

PLUMS.

The best twelve varieties are.—Lombard, Pond's Seedling, Washington, Imperial Gage, Bleeker's Gage, Bradshaw, Coe's Golden Drop, Prince's Yellow Gage, Green Gage, Nota Bene (Corse's ; blue, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, finest flavoured of Corse's seedlings), Dictator (Corse's ; nearly as large, and shape of Yellow Egg, profitable), Admiral (Corse's ; nearly size of Dictator, not equal in quality, but heavier bearer). A second list would contain Damson, Reine Claude de Favay, Yellow Egg, McLaughlin, Jefferson, Blue Gage, Smith's Orleans and Purple Favourite. The above kinds have lived twelve or fifteen years, usually not much longer, and have produced good crops more or less frequently, according to variety and favourable-ness of situation, showing that we have not the species adapted to our climate.

Blue Orleans, Pruneau, and Yellow Orleans ; many thousand of these, especially the former, grown from suckers, planted in the sod, are doing well near Quebec. They sell in Montreal at from \$6 to \$14 per barrel, and should be tried in other parts of the Province.

CHERRIES.

The common kind reported under the names of Early Richmond, Kentish, &c., is that most grown. Morello and May Duke reported favourably in a number of instances. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society recommend Hartz Mountain.

GRAPES.

Summer protection by fences, &c., and winter covering, both necessary. Best four kinds—Hartford Prolific (for careless cultivators and for profit), Adirondac (most valuable, but needs a little nursing), Creveling, Delaware. The following deserve special attention :—Concord (ripens thoroughly only in certain places), Eumelan (fruited but two years, reports satisfactory), Rebecca (doing well in the hands of a few careful cultivators), Massasoit and Salem (reported favourably), Rogers' No. 33 (at Philipsburg doing so well as to demand special attention).

CURRANTS.

In Province of Quebec as elsewhere.