

The apple attains a large size in Nova Scotia, and in favorable seasons is of fine flavor, well-ripened and colored. This is owing largely to our beautiful autumn months of September and October—the heat of the sun and the warm, dry weather being almost peculiar to our climate at this season of the year. The recorded weight of several varieties exhibited at the shows of the Fruit Growers' Association, is as follows:—

	Dozen.	Single Specimen.
Gravenstein	7 lbs. 9 oz.	13½ oz.
Ribston Pippin	6 “ 14 “	9½ “
Yellow Bellefleur.....	7 “ 10 “	11 “
Baldwin	7 “ 10 “	11½ “
Gloria Mundi	10 “ 7 “	20 “
Chebucto Beauty.....	9 “ 7½ “	18½ “
Emperor Alexander.....	9 “ 3 “	18½ “
King of Tompkins County	6 “ 4 “	11 “
Northern Spy	8 “ 6 “	12 “

The apples for winter use and for commercial purposes are taken from the trees in the month of October, from the 5th to the 25th, and sometimes even later. The early sorts, such as *Red Astrachan*, *Early Harvest*, *Early Joe*, *Early Red*, *Bough*, and *Sutton's Early*, a native of Nova Scotia, ripen in August and September; then come *Porter*. *William's Early*, *Munson's Sweet*, and *Gravenstein*, in the month of September and early in October, the *Gravenstein* often attaining its greatest perfection when left on the tree as late as the 5th and 10th of October. The *Baldwin*, *Greening*, *Nonpareil*, *Russet*, *Northern Spy*, *King of Tompkins County*, *Blue Pearmain*, *Yellow Bellefleur*, *Ribston Pippin*, and other varieties do not attain their perfection till the 10th to the 25th of October.

Time and space forbid my entering upon a discussion of the temperature, moisture, and other peculiarities of our climate affecting the growth and cultivation of fruits, especially as I have not at my command the tables prepared, shewing the extremes of heat and cold, and the mean temperature of the summer months; I may say, however, that the thermometer frequently reached 85 to 90 degrees of Fahrenheit in the shade during the months of July and August, and falls as low as 50—the mean of the month of July being about 66 or 67; nor will I be able for similar reasons to allude more than incidentally to the diseases of fruits and fruit trees in Nova Scotia.