

An Improved Baldwin.

572. SIR.—I send you an apple which we call **Baldwin**, but it is very superior in flavor to the ordinary Baldwin. I also send you a seedling apple, the longest keeper I have, but of poor exterior. W. HICK, *Goderich*.

The seedling is not worth propagating; the other is probably the well-known Baldwin grown under favorable conditions, but if its better flavor is constant it should be noted.

Greenfields' Seedling Apple.

573. SIR.—At the last meeting of the Ottawa Horticultural Society, Mr. S. Greenfield exhibited two seedling apples, one of which I enclose for your opinion. It is not only iron but steel clad. G. H. FAWCETT, *Ottawa*.

Note on the apple by Mr. John Craig, Central Experimental Farm.

DESCRIPTION.—Large, roundish, conic; color, deep yellow splashed with light and dark carmine; stalk, long, slender; cavity, slightly russeted, round, of medium depth; basin, broad, moderately deep, corrugated; calyx, partially open; flesh, white, rather coarse, sharply sub-acid, moderately juicy; fair quality. Mr. Greenfield cannot give the parentage of this seedling, as in the process of selecting from a large number, the record became confused. Being a decided winter variety, and raised on heavy clay soil in a very exposed position, it would seem to warrant propagation for the purpose of testing it on other soils and under varying conditions. The efforts of Mr. Greenfield towards the production of desirable and hardy varieties of fruits have been unremitting, and are deserving of the highest commendation.

* Open Letters. *

The Gideon Apple.

This is a variety originated by the veteran Peter Gideon of Minnesota, and is not as well known as it ought to be. It is a beautiful apple, from medium to large in size. Color, a pale yellow, with a beautiful pale pink blush on each side. It is not, strictly speaking, a dessert apple, but is a splendid cooker, cannot be excelled for sauce, pies, etc., and has a rich flavor particularly its own. Season, late fall. The tree is an upright grower, of good shape, and needs very little pruning. Foliage, dark green, and healthy looking, perfectly hardy and prolific. The writer sent a basket of this fruit along with other varieties to Mr. A. H. Pettit, Superintendent of the Ontario Exhibit for the World's Fair, and in acknowledging the receipt of the collection, Mr. Pettit said: the **Wealthy** was beautiful, but it had to take a second place looking at the blushes of the **Gideon**. For a late fall cooking apple, it cannot be excelled, and should be more extensively planted.

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