

## \* Open Letters. \*

### The Reynard Apple.

SIR,—The specimen of the Reynard apple which you have grown at Maplehurst reached me safely. I have cut the apple to test it, and to my thinking it is much improved and also more mature than it is with us at this same date (October 9th). Although I grow a few on scions, I am not very familiar with the Reynard as grown in our best fruit counties where I have long since sent scions. It is such an imposing apple in size and shape, etc., that we are a little proud of it as a seedling of the County of Yarmouth, since our conditions are not favorable for growing fruit. The Reynard originated with Mr. Richard Reynard, of Tusket, who found the seedling growing by the road in an unsettled part of the country. Mr. Reynard removed the wildling to his own place, and was rewarded in due time with apples that averaged larger than any other kind grown in our county. In quality the fruit here is only second-rate, but it is a fair keeper, lasting until mid-winter, and its showy appearance makes it of market value.

CHARLES E. BROWN, *Yarmouth, N. S.*

### The Early Michigan Peach.

SIR,—In your October number, page 346, you say that in Canada you need a good peach to come between the Hales and Early Crawford. In this section we have just the peach for that purpose, the Early Michigan. It has a red cheek, white flesh, and is a free stone. Its quality is unsurpassed, and is just the peach to fill the gap you mention. It is as hardy as the hardiest and an early bearer. If you wish it I could send you a few trees next spring for trial. The peach originated in this county. In an orchard of one thousand trees I have set nine hundred of this variety. It sells readily and brings in the returns early. Two years ago I sold my crop under contract for \$1.50 per bushel, and from my four acres my returns amounted to \$900. The Yellow St. John is a few days later than this peach, and is not so good a bearer.

S. S. BAILEY, *East Paris, Mich.*

### Apples in the Cochrane Cases.

SIR,—I have shipped about fifty cases of St. Lawrence apples to Scotland, but they did not sell so well as the Duchess, bringing in Edinburgh 10/ per case, and 9/ 10d. in Liverpool. At these prices, which are gross prices, it does not pay to ship St. Lawrence in cases; and to show the injustice or at least the great discouragement to the shipper, my St. Lawrence, which retailed at 10/, were disposed of on Princess St., Edinburgh, at 8d. per pound. At this rate the retailer should make a profit of 22/ or \$5.50 per case. There seems to be something wrong in this, for the fact that the retailer could ask 8d. per pound would prove that the apples reached Edinburgh in prime condition. Nova Scotia fruit growers have also shipped some of their Gravensteins in my cases, and at a good profit. I shipped the cases in shooks from here to Wolfville.

R. J. SHEPHERD, JR., *Montreal, Que.*

### Cold Grapery.

I have been very successful with the grapes in cold grapery, some of the bunches going over two lbs. and well shouldered. I had about twenty lbs. and they lasted about ten weeks in good order, the last not being cut until sharp frost, and a few are (Nov. 12th) still on hand. Is there any market for them as a table grape? The outside grapes here did not amount to much, there seems to have been such a glut of grapes. Another year there is a prospect of a good quantity, as the vines have grown well.

A. J. COLLINS, *Listowel.*