

while the Balsam, Spruce and Pine get bare. Those Norways transplanted from sandy soil should not be over eighteen inches high, if taken from clay soil they may be larger. It is a wise plan to plant the shelter from six to ten years before the orchard is planted.

W. Saunders remarked that he planted his young evergreens eighteen inches high at the same time that he planted his orchard and now they are as high as any of the orchard trees.

T. C. Wheatley said the yellow willow grows very rapidly and makes a good shelter. The trees planted for shelter help to retain the snow which he thought important.

#### SCRAPING FRUIT TREES.

James Dougall, thought the scraping injurious to the trunks of the trees, but that an alkaline wash would keep them smooth and was beneficial. Soap is better than lime for this purpose. It can be rubbed on with a coarse cloth.

T. C. Wheatley—Healthy trees will not need scraping, the rough bark will drop off. Moss on the trees is caused by bad drainage.

W. Saunders, scraping off the rough bark will kill the insects that take shelter under it, such as the codlin-moth, and will not hurt the tree.

The Committee on seedling fruits presented the following

#### REPORT.

The Committee appointed to examine Seedling fruits beg leave to report as follows :

1. Seedling Summer Apple sent by Seth C. Wilson, of Whitby, is now rather out of season—size medium, flavour, good. We think this apple quite equal to the Early Harvest, and for the table superior.
2. Russet, No. 7, belonging to the same—nothing special in its flavour.
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4. Mr. Wilson also sends 4 varieties of seedling crab, the best of which is No. 4, though we do not consider it equal to several of the present known varieties.
5. Seedling from Northern Spy, crossed with pollen of Spitzenberg and Wagner, from Charles Arnold, Esq., of Paris. Apple good, but not specially commended.
6. Mr. Lambert's seedling—medium size, very handsome—but not otherwise to be commended.
7. T. C. Wheatley—Handsome winter apple—size, medium, very late and consequently harsh at present—said to keep till April, and supposed to be a good apple after it is matured.
8. Russet seedling—no special merit.
9. Major Anderson's Yellow fall—fair size—flavour good—commended.
10. Stead's seedling—Handsome red apple—now quite ripe—rather small—good table apple—commended.
11. Autumn apple—mildling.
12. Shaw seedling—Like the Porter in appearance and size, but quality greatly inferior.
13. Red seedling—handsome, good size, but flavour very poor.
14. Mrs. Galloway's seedling—rather small—quality fair.
15. Sweet crab—shown by Samuel Carr—not commended.
16. Small crab, marked 264—not commended.
17. Fine, large and handsome crab, marked 260—raised by T. G. Vidal, of Saruaia highly commended.

Respectfully submitted,

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