

shown in the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society of London. It became the duty of the writer, as a commissioner from Canada, to make the collection from this country. He wrote to the Fruit Growers' Association of Upper Canada for a collection, but it being too early in the season for that society to send the fruit, the local Horticultural Society of Hamilton, a town at the head of Lake Ontario, 1260 miles from the Atlantic, sent a collection. The officers of the Royal Horticultural Society reported that this show of apples was the finest they had ever had from any one country, and the chief countries of Europe and the United States had collections at the Royal Horticultural Gardens in that year.

In Europe the apple ripens in latitude 64° and thrives well up to 60°. The area in Canada over which it could be cultivated would equal that of wheat. The pear will not mature so far north, but thrives well wherever tried throughout the valley of the St. Lawrence; and in British Columbia north of 50° attains to a great size—eleven inches in circumference. It is also grown in Manitoba. Wild plums and cherries are everywhere found throughout the valley of the St. Lawrence and up to high latitudes as far as the deciduous forest trees extend; the black cherry especially growing to a large tree, two and three feet in diameter and sixty to seventy in height in the southern part of Ontario. The red cherry is a smaller but more hardy tree. The wild yellow egg-plum was found in Upper Canada on its first settlement of a size which would be considered large amongst cultivated plums at the present time, the trees being more than a foot in diameter. Where the native plum and cherry were found growing spontaneously, we may assume that the climate and soil are favourable for such fruits, and experiment has proved the correctness of this inference. The analogy of Europe would justify us in placing the northern limits of these two fruits as high as the parallel of 60°.

Canada is on the northern limit of the peach growing zone, yet in favourable seasons immense crops have been produced over large areas in the southern and south-western parts of Canada. The fruit too is of excellent quality, large and delicious. The writer has had peaches at the head of lake Ontario eleven inches in circumference and the fruit quite superior to any imported. The peach, however, will not bear transit like the apple.