

of a fruit committee of three practical men, whose experience combined would cover the different varieties of fruits pretty fully, to whom your secretary could send samples of fruits in their season as they are sent into him, and who should report through him to this Association regarding the same.

During the last two seasons several new fruits have been sent into me, and in order to present some account of them to you I have prepared this paper.

**APPLES.**—*Reany's Seedling* is an apple that impressed me rather favorably. It was grown by Mr. S. Reany, a few miles from Port Elgin, who exhibited it at some of the local fairs, where it attracted the attention of Mr. J. H. Wismer, of Port Elgin, and he sent me a sample for my opinion. It is a fall apple of good quality for the table, and may be thus described:

Fruit above medium size, almost round. Skin smooth, slightly uneven. Color, rich golden yellow, sprinkled moderately with small grey and light dots. Stalk three-quarters of an inch long, inserted in a funnel-shaped, slightly russeted cavity. Basin abrupt, even. Calyx partially open. Flesh yellow, fine grained, juicy, with sprightly, vinous flavor. Core small. Quality very good to best.

*Keane's Seedling* is a beautiful dessert apple which was figured in the *Canadian Horticulturist*, Vol. XI, page 284. The original tree grows about four miles north of the town of Orillia, on the farm of Mr. James Keane, and is a chance seedling of about twenty years of age. Mr. T. Williams, of Orillia, who sent the samples to me, says it has borne every year for the last nine years most abundantly.

At first sight this apple has much the general appearance of Gravenstein, but is below average size, and struck me favorably as a commendable autumn dessert apple. It is below medium size, of even form, roundish oblate, with closed calyx in a corrugated basin. The skin is shaded, splashed and striped with bright crimson, which is deepest on the sunny side. The flesh is white, crisp, fine grained, juicy, and of a rich, aromatic flavor.

*Morse's Seedling Harvest* apple was sent me by Mr. S. P. Morse, of Milton, who says it ripens with the old Early Harvest, averages larger in size, and is perfectly free from leaf blight, or apple scab. The skin is very smooth, with obscure whitish dots; stem, short, stout, and set in an irregular cavity; calyx closed, set in a round regular basin; flesh, white, tender, juicy, sub-acid. It is an apple that seems to possess especial merit as an early cooking apple.

Two seedling apples were reported on by Mr. Wm. Saunders, in the *Canadian Horticulturist*, Vol. XI, page 13, and I append his description of them.

*Robson's Seedling*, grown by Mr. T. C. Robson, Minden, Ont.

Size above medium; form, oblate; color, greenish yellow, streaked and splashed with red; stem, slight and short, with a deep smooth cavity; calyx, open; basin, rather deep and slightly ribbed; flesh, yellowish white, fine-grained and moderately juicy, with a faint aroma and a mild pleasant flavor; core, rather large. A fair dessert apple and a good cooker. Its size and appearance would make it a desirable apple for the north. From its form, color and flavor it is probably a seedling of Duchess of Oldenburg. Season, October and November.

*Robertson's Seedling*, grown by Mr. F. M. Robertson, Minden, Ont.

Medium size, 2½ inch by 2¼ inch; form, oblate conic; color, greenish yellow, more or less splashed and dotted with dull red; stalk, short and slight; cavity, rather shallow; calyx, small, closed and shallow, with the basin strongly ribbed; flesh, nearly white, firm, grained, juicy and crisp; sub-acid, not high flavored, but a pleasant eating apple and a good cooker; core, medium size. It is the type of Duchess of Oldenburg, but smaller in size and later in season. Ripe in November.

**PLUMS.**—The *Owen Sound Beauty* was sent to me by Mr. R. Trotter, of Owen Sound, who says he believes it is a seedling which has been propagated by suckers in that neighborhood for the last twenty-five years. The tree, he says, is a rapid healthy grower, with thick broad leaves. If this plum is a good bearer it will be a most desirable one for the commercial orchard, both on account of its excellence as a dessert plum and its lateness of ripening.

The fruit may be described as large, nearly globular. Skin, brownish purple with a thick blue bloom on the sunny side, dotted with numerous fawn-colored specks. Suture distinct, dividing the plum into unequal parts. Flesh, orange, very juicy, rich and excellent; separates freely from the stone. Very good. September.

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