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THE GUEII PLUM.



INCE plum culture is becoming so important a department of the fruit-growing industry of Ontario, and so many of our growers are desirous of becoming acquainted with the best and most profitable varieties, it will be certainly opportune for us to devote somewhat more attention to this fruit in our pages.

Our attention was drawn to the Gueii plum at the last meeting of our Association, in the City of Hamilton, by Mr. S. D. Willard, who is an experienced plum grower, and has much success in growing plums for market. Being asked what six varieties were the most desirable for home use, he gave the following list: Bradshaw, Lombard, Gueii, Hudson River Purple Egg, Peters' Yellow Gage and Coe's Golden Drop. The same varieties were, for the most part, valuable in the commercial orchard.

In answer to an inquiry concerning his experience with this plum, Mr. Willard writes: "The Gueii originated at Lansingberg, near Troy, in this State, and has been fruited in this vicinity for several years. It is a rich, dark colored plum, with a beautiful blue bloom, rendering it very attractive as a market fruit. It is very hardy and very productive, and has been constantly growing in favor since its introduction. It ripens about the time of the Lombard, and is in every way superior to that variety."

Noticing the Gueii plum among the exhibits at the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto last month, we corresponded with the exhibitor to get his experience.