

THE ONTARIO APPLE.

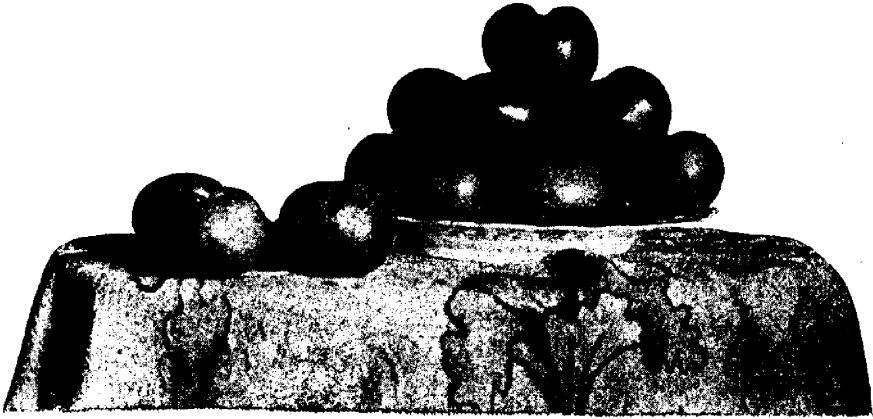


FIG. 900.--ONTARIO APPLES.



OUR readers may be interested in seeing a photogravure of some samples of this apple, because it is a variety which has of late been kept quite prominently before the public. The variety was raised by Mr. Chas. Arnold, of Paris, Ont., from seed of Northern Spy crossed with Wagener, and the fruit has some of the characteristics of both parents. It is not claimed for this apple that it is hardy in northern portions of Ontario, where hardiness is a necessary characteristic, but where the Spy and the Wagener flourish, this variety is a most desirable one. Indeed it is thought to be more abundant than the Spy.

The tree is a fine grower, and an early, abundant bearer. The fruit is large, whitish-yellow, nearly covered with a rich red color; and the flesh is fine, tender, juicy and of good quality. It sells well in the English market, and being productive of even sized fruit, promises to be a profitable orchard variety. At Mr. W. H. Dempsey's, Trenton, in 1894, we saw a fine orchard of Ontario apples laden down with the fruit, of large and even size. From all appearances this apple is destined to take the place of the Spy in our commercial orchards.

A LECTURER FOR OUR SOCIETIES.—Should the number of affiliated Horticultural Societies continue to increase, it is proposed to engage some competent lecturer to visit each society once a year, and give a lecture on some topic connected with either fruit or flower culture.