

FRUIT LIST FOR QUEBEC, &c.

The following is a digest of the fruit list for the Province of Quebec, published by the Fruit Growers' Association of Abbotsford. It will be applicable to most of those parts of the Dominion where the winter is not modified by the presence of open bodies of water.

This Association, feeling the necessity of a published fruit list, issued last January 290 circular letters of inquiry to gather the varied experiences of the different parts of the Province. Replies were received from, or correspondence or discussion held with, over one hundred, exclusive of residents of Abbotsford. The information is chiefly from the Island of Montreal, from the Counties of Ronville, Brome, Missisquoi and Huntingdon, and the country lying between them, the clay flats excepted, from which there are no favourable reports.

APPLES—SUMMER.

Two best varieties are—1. Duchess of Oldenburg (most satisfactory). 2. Red Astrachan (pretty generally satisfactory). We also mention Early Harvest (usually quite short-lived); Tetofsky (promising to be valuable where Red Astrachan does not thrive); White Astrachan; Peach (not described by Downing; very hardy and productive, and valuable for near market).

APPLES—FALL.

Two best varieties are—1. St. Lawrence. 2. Alexander. King of the Pippins, Keswick Codlin, Kentish Fillbasket and Hawthornden, also valuable.

APPLES—EARLY WINTER.

Fameuse first, without a rival. We also mention Late Strawberry (though short-lived, valuable), Bourassa (not valuable as formerly).

APPLES—LATE WINTER.

Many competitors, none first; choose from these next six:—1. Golden Russet of Western New York (pretty hardy, and rather productive). 2. White Calville (long lived and a heavy bearer, its fault being its colour). 3. Canada Baldwin (good, except that the older trees sun scald). 4. Blue Pearmain (not generally productive). 5. Ben Davis (promising to be very valuable, though wanting in flavour). 6. Jonathan (trees 17 years planted have done well). Northern Spy (reports most contradictory; being planted for profit on exposed northern slopes, and in other sheltered places; thoroughly condemned by nurserymen and orchardists); Pomme Grise (reports unsatisfactory as to bearing, and no longer saleable at extra prices); Ribston Pippin (not often reported favourably); Tolman's Sweet (fruit not saleable); Yellow Bellefleur (often satisfactory); Baldwin's Rhode Island Greenings and Spitzenburgs (condemned by nurserymen and orchardists, having done well only in exceptional instances).

APPLES FOR PROFIT.

The best five kinds in order of preference:—Huntingdon County reports Fameuse and Red Astrachan a tie; next, Duchess or St. Lawrence. Lacolle and vicinity:—Fameuse first, unanimously; next, St. Lawrence, Red Astrachan, and, possibly, Canada Baldwin. District of Bedford:—Fameuse or Red Astrachan, followed by some winter apple. Belœil:—Fameuse, unanimously. Abbotsford:—Fameuse, St. Lawrence, White Calville, Duchess, Alexander. Rougemont:—Red Astrachan, Fameuse, St. Lawrence and Alexander. Ottawa Valley:—Fameuse and Duchess equal, Red Astrachan, St. Lawrence. Montreal:—Red Astrachan, Alexander, Fameuse, Duchess and Peach; Red Astrachan bringing \$2 per bushel when grown in the neighbouring orchards. Of winter apples, Golden Russet is reported from Montreal as less fruitful than Fameuse, and lower priced, because of the competition from Ontario. In Huntingdon County it is being planted for profit; so also are Ben Davis and Jonathan, and even Northern Spy.