

mon, namely, the rotting at the core almost before maturity. Lawson is a beautiful pear and the tree is very vigorous, but this season is unproductive, and fruit stung with the curculio.

Wilder ripened about the same time, reaching full maturity and beauty about August 15th. The quality is fine when not allowed to hang too long and become mealy. The pears grow to above medium size and take on such gorgeous coloring that passers by are compelled to stop and look in wonder.

owing to its dull green color, it would not sell for any more than other small pears, and brought only about 30 cents per twelve quart basket in the Ottawa market. If this pear could have the superb coloring of the Wilder, it would be a wonderful treasure.

The Tyson began ripening about the last week in August, and, if left hanging, would come in about with the Bartlett; but it is so much smaller and inferior to that variety that we gathered the Tyson while still green and shipped them forward so that they



FIG. 2170. MANNINGS ELIZABETH.

Surely this would be a grand seller.

Manning's Elizabeth began to ripen on the 17th of August and continued in use, many still hanging, until the end of August. They were borne in great clusters and the tree showed great productiveness, but the fruit was too small to be valuable for the market. The quality was very good.

Rostiezer came in about the same time, and was unusually large, averaging 2¼ inches in transverse diameter. The quality is the very best for dessert purposes, but,

might not come into competition. The trees are wonderfully healthy and vigorous. Some of them are now fifty years old and have never shown the least indication of blight.

The Brandywine began ripening about August 23rd. The samples were above medium size for pears, and fairly attractive, with dull red cheek on a yellow ground.

Clapp's Favorite was harvested about August 20th. It had attained full size and color, but was not ripe. The samples were magnificent. No pear of its season equals