

## REPORT.

### SUMMER APPLES.

Two best varieties are,

1. DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG.

2. RED ASTRACHAN.

DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG seems perhaps the most generally satisfactory tree reported on. It produces good crops every year of a saleable fruit which ripens soon after Red Astrachan.

RED ASTRACHAN comes next in general satisfactoriness. In a few cases, however, it is reported as utterly failing without apparent cause, and on no special kind of soil. It is always saleable, and at high prices; and bears carriage best of the early apples.

The following, named in order of ripening, need also to be mentioned.

EARLY HARVEST, with and without shelter, reported as doing well in some instances, but as a rule decidedly short-lived and unsatisfactory, and in the nursery it proved to be tender, here and in Montreal.

TETOFISKY, whose beauty, productiveness and hardiness, though medium in quality, yet recommend it for places unfavorable for Red Astrachan, before, or with which it ripens, does not bear carriage, nor sell as readily as Red Astrachan. Promising well in Huntingdon County.

WHITE ASTRACHAN: a hardy tree with a long life and clean bark; it grows large, but being upright *can* be planted close; it yields very heavy crops of fine fruit, but as it does not bear carriage, and *water-cores* badly, it is valuable mainly for home use. In one instance, however, it has been profitably grown for near market, even though not bringing so high a price as Red Astrachan.

PEACH, of origin unknown. Downing describes a "Peach," "an Irish Peach" and "an American Peach." It is none of these. Some very old trees in Montreal showing it to be long-lived. Tree is vigorous, hardy and productive, fruit above medium, oblong, conic, yellow with pink blush on one side; quality, second rate, profitable for near market *only*, as it shews bruises.