

42 entries, making an exhibit of these two varieties, seldom if ever equalled, and, we believe, never excelled in this Province. The "St. Lawrence" was poorly represented, no competition in this section having been deemed worthy of a first prize. The "Fameuse" were, taking the season into account, very fair, yet they lacked coloring and were inferior to those shown in the year previous. Competitors in "Canada Baldwins" were not numerous, and we are of opinion, from information gathered from experienced fruit growers, that these trees are not to be planted out indiscriminately, but that other and more desirable varieties can, in many instances, be profitably substituted. Mr. Charles Gibb, no mean authority, writes of it:—"No bright red, fine qualified, good sized, long keeper, can anything like approach it in general satisfactoriness on the heavyish soils of North Shefford. On the warm, quick soil of Abbotsford, the early rising of the sap tends to sunscald and premature decay, yet we must still plant it, as we have no other to take its place, while on heavier soils we expect it will become widely popular." This was Mr. Gibb's opinion in 1878 when he wrote: "we must still plant it, as we have no other to take its place." Probably if he were writing at the present time, his views on this particular point would be somewhat modified. We do not by any means wish that this most desirable fruit should be excluded from our orchards, but we merely are anxious to call the attention of fruit growers to the fact, now universally admitted, that it is not suited to our light, gravelly soils, but that it is a thrifty and productive tree on all soils of the opposite character. But to proceed with the details of our exhibition. We had also upon our tables some good specimens of the "Wealthy," that were fruited in the orchard of Mr. M. L. Clow, in the township of Granby, in this county, and as many of our farmers in each recurring Spring, are planting out young trees, we would call their attention to the character given to this particular variety by two of our leading and most experienced fruit growers, whose opinions are entitled to our consideration. Dr. Hoskins, who owns an extensive fruit farm on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, and Mr. R. W. Shepherd, Jr., of Como, describe it fully in