

gular, pleated. Skin—smooth, firm, greenish-yellow, mostly covered with dark red, sprinkled with russet dots, sometimes showing broken lines and splashes of russet. Flesh—yellowish-white, crisp, firm, juicy. Flavor—rich, pleasant, sub-acid. Season—January to April or May. Use—table, kitchen, and market.

NONPARIEL.

An old standard variety in this province, very valuable for its long keeping and other good qualities. It is extensively grown in Kings and other adjoining counties, and is well known in the markets where it always brings good prices. Its origin is unknown, but it is supposed to have been introduced first by the late Col. John Burbidge, of Cornwallis, as *very old trees of this sort* are still growing on the farm formerly owned by him. At the Rectory of St. John's Church, there is a venerable old tree of the kind which is supposed to have been planted by Mr. B. over one hundred years ago, it is very large and flourishing, still bearing heavy crops.

Tree—vigorous, hardy, an irregular grower, very troublesome in the nursery, and is better to be top grafted. Fruit—medium, roundish, broadest at the base, narrowing toward eye. Stalk—slender, rather short. Cavity—shallow, broad, frequently one sided or irregular. Calyx—small, closed. Basin—shallow, broad, irregular or wrinkled. Skin—pale-yellowish green, turning yellow at maturity, with slight brownish blush in the sun, two-thirds or more covered with russett. Flesh—yellowish, firm, crisp, brisk, rich sub-acid flavour. Seldom bears excessively, but gives good crops every year, especially on good strong soils. Season—March to mid-summer. Use—table, kitchen, and market.

NORTHERN SPY.

This beautiful American fruit originated near Rochester, N. Y., and has been widely disseminated throughout the fruit growing districts of this continent, and with general success from California to Nova Scotia. The tree is hardy, and of upright, close growth when young, and requires careful pruning and thinning; does not come into bearing very early, but when it does commence is very reliable, and like all other heavy croppers, requires high cultivation to keep up the quality of the fruit. It blossoms very late in the Spring, thus frequently escaping injury by frost. Fruit—large, roundish, flattened

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