

conspicuous. Douglass, of Loxford Hall (a most experienced gardener), assured me that this is without doubt the finest British Apple. Mine here are now ripe, and I will consent to say that it is half a point better than Ribston Pippin. But I consider no apple in this country at all equal to the finest of the Italians, the difference arises I think from the attenuation of the skin under the prolonged heat of autumn, so that there is left, not a rind, but a thin transparent layer. The three largest are Warner's King, Lord Grosvenor, and Haycock, monstrous hillocks of green and yellow. The miniature kinds which are all best pippins, are well represented, with quantities of the old golden pippin, and many others similar. It will interest you to know that the collection of 44 sorts from Nova Scotia, all of the varieties usually sold to England, completely eclipsed every other. There were no monsters, but every apple was perfect in form, smoothness and colour, the last very beautiful in some cases. The most inviting were Gravensteins, Hubbardston's, Nonsuch, Emperor Alexander, and Chebueto Beauty. All the 44 came from C. R. H. Starr, Port Williams, N. S."

TO PREPARE GROUND FOR AN ORCHARD.

John Manwaring writes to the *Williamette Farmer* he has had twenty-five years experience in orchard planting, and has best succeeded when this method of preparing the ground has been adopted: Set stakes whatever distance apart trees are to be planted, (say thirty-three to forty feet, Comp.) and plow in ridges, harrow thoroughly and let lay a few days. Then throw it up in ridges cross-ways, the same distance apart as at first, and harrow as before. Now plow again, throwing ridge right on top of the first, till the dead furrow at one rod from the ridge is about eighteen inches deep. Harrow again thoroughly till mellow and fine. Now apply manure, which has previously been prepared, spread evenly over all the ground, and plow again, throwing furrows back into last dead furrow, this is the place where the trees are to be set. Harrow as before, and repeat plowing crossways. You will now have a soil to set your trees in. Some may say this is too much trouble, but I will ensure them a good orchard, if they will follow this plan. No man ever succeeded unless he had depth of soil to set his trees in,

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