

kinds, some of which were entirely worthless, but now the poorer sorts are being gradually weeded out, and Nonpareils, Golden Russets, Ribstons, Gravensteins, Kings and Baldwins are the prevailing and fashionable kinds. The Nonpareil is the standard apple in this county, supposed to have been brought here originally by the early French settlers. It has outlived all opposition and all new and aspiring competitors and to-day stands at

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All things considered, it is the most valuable apple grown in the county. It is a hardy tree, though rather a slow grower, does not require so high cultivation as some others, does fairly well on grass ground, and bears a fair average yearly crop, unlike the Baldwin which bears only on alternate years. The crop for this year promised well, but the September gale was most disastrous to the apples, blowing off in some exposed localities one-quarter of the fruit—one of my neighbours picked up 160 barrels after the gale; besides injuring what remained by bruises and discolorations. Last year's crop was a fairly good one, there being shipped from this county about 90,000 barrels. Of these 40,000 barrels were sent to London and 700 barrels to Liverpool.

#### THIS YEAR

there is quite a falling off, particularly in Nonpareils. Bishop Pippins, however, are a good crop and exceptionally fine. Vandeveres, which were almost an entire failure last season, are very good this year, being large and well colored. Assuming that these 90,000 barrels averaged \$1.50 per barrel, and this I think is a reasonable estimate, that would make \$135,000 to be distributed in the county, which would be \$34 for every family, or \$6 for each man, woman, and child in the county. Of the fifteen sub-districts which comprise the county, six grow very few apples, nearly all being grown in the other nine, namely, Wilmot, Middleton, Clarence, Bridgetown, Belleisle, New Caledonia, Annapolis Royal, Carleton and Nictaux, and as a matter of fact, a large proportion of the area included in these districts does not produce apples, only a narrow strip along the valley and protected by the sheltering mountains, so that really only a small part of the inhabitants are actually engaged in fruit culture. My article is growing too long, but