

INTRODUCTION.

These few pages are offered to the public to encourage the growing of fruit in the Province of Quebec.

What has been learned from years of practice and observations by successful fruit growers in Canada and the United States, is told in as few words as possible. My extensive correspondence with citizens, farmers and country gentlemen, for the last five years, the numerous enquiries I received from them on fruit growing, have convinced me of the necessity of preparing this little work. Why? Because our progressive men, of all classes, want to learn in one day the experiences of practical and successful men, of half a century. They do not care for theories or botanical terms, the formation of leaves, wood, &c.; they desire only, information on the most profitable plants and fruit trees to grow; on the best and hardiest trees for the parks, lawns, streets and cemetery lots. This I have endeavored to give in this little work, by borrowing from the best authors and Horticultural reports.

Purchase good hardy trees, grown as far north as possible. Before selecting the varieties offered by nurserymen, inquire in your locality what are the most profitable varieties cultivated there; it will be easier for you then, to make a judicious selection.

Let the amateur try a great many varieties! he works not for profit, but for the satisfaction of benefitting his countrymen by introducing some good new varieties. Plant well known species and cultivate carefully. Sell