

our correspondents in various parts of the country. R. Brodie, of St. Henri, Que., wrote of it some years ago: "We generally sell the Alexander as soon as they are well colored in the fall, as we get a good price, averaging \$3 per barrel for them."

Mr. R. W. Shepherd, of Montreal, says, "In this section it does well, but the tree is only fairly hardy. It bears good crops after once well established in the orchard. The fruit for cooking is much appreciated by hotel and restaurant keepers, but the experience of growers here is, that in a season like the last, when the fall St. Lawrence is a good crop, it being a much better fruit for all purposes, the Alexander, which crosses the market about the same season, is almost unsaleable. Some seasons, however, the Alexander proves quite profitable in this market. On the whole, it may be considered a desirable variety to plant in limited quantities."

G. C. Caston, of Craighurst, in the County of Simcoe, says, "The tree of the Alexander is quite hardy here, free grower and an abundant bearer. The fruit is free from fungus scab, colors well, and attains great perfection. The quality of the Alexander is only fair for cooking, and lacks flavor for a good dessert apple. Yet, on account of its size, clean skin and fine appearance, it is, at present, one of the most salable of our fall apples. It will keep fairly well till Christmas."

Thomas Beall, of Lindsay, Victoria County, writes, "The Alexander is the most profitable autumn apple grown here, because of its great size, beautiful color and known good cooking qualities. It always commands a high price. The tree is very healthy, and bears well with good treatment. It is more free from fungus diseases and insect enemies than most other varieties"

D. Nicol, of Cataraqui, County of Frontenac, writes, "The Alexander gives good satisfaction in this district. It is a good cooking apple, and an abundant bearer. It sells well when carefully handled. The tree is one of the hardiest we have. I would not recommend it for shipping purposes, because it is easily blemished."

A. McD. Allan, of Goderich, in the County of Huron, writes, "The Alexander is a fine, clean, thrifty grower as a tree, an early and good bearer, with fine-looking fruit where the land is kept in good heart. The apple is not only very attractive, but good as a cooker, and, if care in picking and shipping is exercised, it would reach Britain in good order, and bring fine prices. It would suit that market well, and it does fairly well in our own markets."

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"You are a sweet peach," said a Pittsburg young man to a Pittsburg maiden.

"And you a regular peach crop."

"What do you mean by that?"

"A chronic failure."