

↗ Question Drawer. ↖

Wolf River.

894. SIR,—I see in the magazine several inquiries about Wolf River apple. I find it to be far ahead of Wealthy, both in size and quality. It has some red streaks, but does not color as highly as I expected.

JAMES WALKER,
Fairville, St. John, N.B.

Wolf River as we saw it at the World's Fair, was much larger than Wealthy, and very highly colored; but not so long a keeper. We think it should be classed among the fall apples.

Poplar Roots.

895. SIR,—Will you kindly advise me how to destroy the vitality of poplar roots? Some trees on my place were cut down this fall, but the roots were not destroyed. How can it best be done?

C. E. G., *Strathroy.*

Had these trees been cut down in midsummer, the roots would probably have lost most of their vitality through the shock. We would advise cutting down all sprouts in midsummer.

Raspberry and Blackberry for Simcoe.

896. SIR,—What variety of raspberry, and what of blackberry would you recommend for this section of country?

JOHN REID,
Everett, Ont.

We would advise you to try the Turner raspberry and the Snyder blackberry. Possibly you could succeed with the Cuthbert raspberry, a more productive variety than Turner.

Native or Foreign Plum Stock.

897. SIR,—What advantage is there in grafting cions on wild natives, over using imported stock?

H. SAUNDERS,
Fairbanks.

We know no advantage except that the natives are hardier and less liable to winter kill in cold sections. We shall be glad of more light from any reader.

One Year Old Pear Trees.

898. SIR,—Would you advise planting one year pear trees in preference to two or three year old trees?

H. SAUNDERS.

It is just a question of expense. One year old pear trees are too small to plant out in an orchard and be cultivated as they should be. If you can buy such trees enough cheaper than three year old trees to pay you for planting them in good rich soil in nursery rows on your own place, and grow them a year or two, all right. Pear trees should be once or even twice transplanted in nursery rows before being set in an orchard, in order to encourage the formation of fibrous roots, but this is so expensive that nursery men seldom do it in practice. You could do this yourself, if you buy yearling trees.

Varieties of Pears for York County.

899. SIR,—What varieties of pears would you advise me to plant? Some advise Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Clapp's Favorite, and Anjou? Can I control scab on Flemish Beauty pears by spraying?

H. SAUNDERS.

The list of pears recommended to you is good. You might add Giffard for an earlier variety than Clapp's Favorite or Bartlett, and Lawrence for an early winter dessert variety. You can control the scab to a very large extent by spraying four or five times with the Bordeaux mixture.