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QUINCE GROWING.



GENERALLY speaking, the quince is very little grown in Canada. A few neglected specimens of stunted growth are found in fence corners and door yards, but there are very few trees receiving the proper cultivation, either for home use or for market. In the United States there are many large plantations from which much fruit comes into our Toronto and Montreal markets for distribution, but

in our smaller towns the quince is almost an unknown fruit, and consequently nearly unsalable. People need to be educated to the use of any fruit, and unless enough is grown to give them a taste, how can this education be accomplished? A few years ago our city markets were very scantily supplied with any of the small fruits, and consequently the tables of our citizens must have been utterly bare of these luxuries, but now, what a change! Every day fresh fruit arrives in car loads from every direction to find crowds of eager buyers. So with the quince; as soon as the townswomen learn the value of the quince for jellies, preserves, flavorings or sauce, there will be a largely increased demand, and consequently room for a large increase of quince production in Ontario.

To grow quinces successfully, the first point of importance is to select a deep rich soil of a rather heavy character, and well drained. This should be well worked up and put into good condition, just as one would prepare for a corn crop. The trees should be planted about ten feet apart each way, or in rows 12 feet apart, and the trees eight feet apart in the rows. The after cultiva-