

purposes it is excellent. It keeps in good condition till about the end of April. The tree is a vigorous and rather upright grower, and bears abundantly every year.

Samples of this apple were first sent to the writer some three years ago, by Mr. R. W. Shepherd, of Montreal, and again last February. They came in excellent condition, and so commended themselves to our notice that we have decided to illustrate this number with a colored plate of this variety, as a frontispiece.

In sending these samples, Mr. Shepherd wrote as follows: "I have had many enquiries regarding this hard winter apple, and take upon myself to forward to you by mail to-day a box containing three specimens of the fruit. You will receive them, I hope, in the same good, sound condition which they leave me to-day, 23rd Feb. The specimens are fair, average size, and, up to the present, have been kept in a barrel in my town house basement-cellar, in which basement a hot air furnace has been actively burning all winter, there being only a lath and plaster wall between it and the cellar, so that you can see there were not any special advantageous conditions to preserve the fruit in good condition.

The Scott's Winter will average in size (most seasons) as large as Fameuse grown here. The trees from which these specimens were taken are about fifteen years old. In the same orchard, at Como, are Winter St. Lawrence, Canada Baldwin, and Fameuse, and there are none more healthy or prolific than the Scott's Winter. As to hardiness, I believe it surpassed either Canada Baldwin or Fameuse in this climate, and ranks next to Duchess and Wealthy.

From the standpoint of a fruit grower of Quebec Province, Scott's Winter, in my opinion, is, by far, the best late winter apple to grow, and its handsome appearance and freedom from spotting make it the most profitable winter variety and should be recommended where less hardy varieties fail.

Mr. A. A. Wright, of Renfrew, Ont., writes as follows regarding this apple: Fruit growers in the cold north labor under great disadvantages; only the very hardiest fruit-bearing trees can be grown with anything like success. Among apples, Scott's Winter holds a very prominent place, in consequence of the cold-resisting properties of the tree, as well as for the beauty and good-keeping qualities of its fruit. It is not of superior quality, but its appearance is so much better than the great majority of apples, that it sells readily, and is, consequently, a very remunerative crop. In autumn, when the tree is laden with fruit, it is really a sight to behold, and at a distance looks almost like a ball of fire, so highly colored is the fruit. It is not, however, the most desirable apple for the northern fruit grower, the Wealthy being, in many respects, its superior.

Mr. G. C. Caston, of Craighurst, writes: The Scott's Winter apple seems quite hardy here, and would, no doubt, succeed in all the northern parts of the province where any other apple will grow. It has the advantage of being a winter variety. It is of medium size, well colored, a very good cooking apple,