

APPLES.

HOW fortunate that each latitude has some fruit which succeeds in it better than anywhere else, and great good will result if our fruit stations discover those fruits which will bring the most profits to each section. Mr. Harold Jones of Maitland says that four varieties of apples are very profitable along the St. Lawrence River, viz.: *Fameuse*, *McIntosh Red*, *Wealthy* and *Crimson Pippin*, about in the order named. More money can be made from orchards of *Fameuse* than from any other crop in the district, providing scab is controlled by spraying. For the Ottawa valley Mr. MaCoun recommends *McIntosh Red* and *Wealthy* as first for market purposes, for they succeed perfectly and grow free from blemishes. "No one," said Mr. R. B. Whyte of Ottawa, "need think of planting *Spy*, *Baldwin*, *King* or *Greening* along the Ottawa, for they cannot be grown."

Mr. A. D. Harkness of Irena, stated that this year he had received for his *McIntosh Red* and *Fameuse* from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel in the Ottawa market.

Mr. G. C. Caston, of Craighurst, showed a large number of varieties of apples. "I have tried," said he, "quite a collection of commercial varieties in Simcoe County, and find nothing superior to the *Spy*. I consider it the hope of apple growers in my district, for it excels every other variety, both in appearance and in quality. True it is very long in coming into bearing, but it is 'worth waiting for.' Besides if you top work it on *Tolman Sweet*, it will bear sooner than if worked on other stock.

"The Russian apples I find to be mostly summer varieties, the *Bogdanoff* perhaps comes the nearest to a winter apple. We cannot grow the *Fameuse*, nor the *McIntosh Red*, nor the *Baxter*, on account of scab. The *Peerless*, which I got from Minnesota in 1895, bore this year an average of a half bushel each tree. It is a seedling

of *Duchess*, which it somewhat resembles; it is a good cooker, but it is a fall apple."

"I have about three hundred varieties of apples in my experimental orchard," said Mr. Dempsey, who is experimenter for the Bay of Quinte district, "one half of which have been added since 1894. For the Bay of Quinte region I would advise planting *Duchess*, *Trenton*, *Gravenstein*, *Fameuse* and *McIntosh* for summer and fall; and *Spy*, *Ontario*, *Stark*, *Hubbardston*, *Seek*, *Cranberry* and *Ben Davis* for winter.

"In the southernmost sections of the province the winter would adopt the following list, in order of ripening. viz.: *Transparent*, *Duchess*, *Alexander*, *Gravenstein*, *Blenheim*, *King*, *Baldwin*, *Spy* and *Roxbury Russett*."

PLUMS.

MR. HAROLD JONES is testing plums which may prove suitable for the St. Lawrence district. He has not found any of the old English kinds (*Domestica*) to be hardy, and has now concluded to test only native stock. He mentioned four kinds which he had tried, and in which he had placed much confidence, viz.: *Milton*, *Whittaker*, *Hammer* and *Forest Rose*.

PEACHES.

THE day of extraordinary prices for peaches grown north of the peach belts seems to be rapidly passing; for in cold storage, this tender fruit may be sent to us from distant American orchards and fill our markets. There are very few parts in Ontario in which a peach will thrive with any kind of certainty; even in *Essex*, that part of Ontario considered especially fitted for peach culture, hundreds of acres of peach trees were winter killed by an exceptional winter, and much discouragement has resulted. Mr. Hilborn, our experimenter of *Essex*, gave a list of his favorite varieties, as follows: *Triumph*, *Greensboro*, *Yellow St. John*, *Garfield*, *Early Crawford*, *Fitz-*