

varieties well. Cherries and plums also are profitable, if well cared for. Mr. J. W. Biglow, Wolfville, N. S., to whom your letter was referred, writes:

"I can only say to the Montreal man to make no purchases here till he sees the country for himself, and pay no attention to land sharks. Digby is not considered the best fruit country. If he has means and staying power he cannot do better than invest in a fruit orchard in the Annapolis Valley. Ask him to write to our secretary, P. C. Parker, Berwick."

Distance For Dwarf Apples.

- 621.** SIR,—How far apart should dwarf apple trees, grafted on crabs, be planted?
S. J. RUTHERFORD, *Gaspereau, N.S.*

It is difficult to give a general reply to this question without knowing the varieties, for they differ so much in habit. In Britain it is customary to plant dwarf standards on Doucin stock, ten feet apart; and dwarf bushes on Paradise stock, five or six feet apart. Much also depends upon pruning, by which they may be kept in almost any limit desired, if one has the time to attend to them. We have some dwarf Red Astrachans allowed to have their own way, except for ordinary thinning, and they need to be at least fifteen feet apart, with such treatment.

The Howell Pear.

- 622.** SIR,—Is the Howell preferable as a dwarf or as a standard? Would you plant it in preference to the Duchess? At what distance would you plant dwarf pears so as to cultivate them easily, and also to drive a wagon between the rows?

W. V. HOPKINS, *Burlington.*

The Howell pear may be grown successfully, either as a dwarf or as a standard. The pear is a desirable one, and much more even in shape and the skin is cleaner than the Duchess. It takes on a fine yellow color when ripe, and, considering the number of Duchess which has been planted, it is possible that an orchard of dwarf Howell would be the more satisfactory of the two. Ten by ten is rather close. Some planters place dwarfs as near as ten feet each way, but, in order to drive down the rows, it would be better to place them ten feet apart in the rows, and the rows fifteen feet apart.

Bulbs after Flowering.

- 623.** SIR,—What should be done with bulbs after flowering? Are the little bulblets that grow on the side of the old ones of any use?
E. E. L., *Hamilton.*

Will some florist answer?