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SUMMER VARIETIES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER).

BLINKBONNY :

This was raised by the late Robert Cleghorn, in Blinkbonny Garden, between Sherbrooke and Berthelot streets, Montreal, and what was in all probability the original tree was only cut down two years ago in the garden in the rear of the house of Mr. C. D. Proctor. It was bearing fruit at that time. Mr. Cleghorn positively stated that the tree grew from the seed of the Fameuse. It looks more like a seedling of the Early Harvest. The tree fruited as early as 1827, and was propagated soon after. It is a thrifty grower, forming a spreading open head of medium size ; it is as hardy as the Fameuse, and bears well every year.

Fruit : Medium to small, oblate or roundish oblate, basin very shallow, calyx closed, core small.—Skin : Whitish yellow, often prettily blushed on sunny side.—Flesh : White, rather firm, moderately juicy, pleasantly sub-acid. Its use is for the table only. It is not profitable for market, but a tree might be planted for home use.—Season : From August 25th to September 15th.

DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG :

This is a handsome fruit of Russian origin, and well suited to our severe climate. It bears often in unfavorable seasons, when others, alongside of it, fail. It also bears early, sometimes before it has been taken from its row in the Nursery, and the heaviest crops do not kill, but only stunt it at worst. The tree is vigorous, and forms a somewhat upright, spreading head, needing little, if any, pruning. It is thus a valuable variety to grow for market, or for cooking. For the table it can hardly be recommended, being acid without sweetness or richness. Hence the sheltered gardens of Montreal do not sing its praises, as those in the less favored districts of our province, who profit by its hardiness, and fair, even sized fruit.

Fruit : Above medium size, roundish-oblate, beautifully streaked and splashed with red.—Flesh : White, juicy, somewhat harshly sub-acid. It ripens not long after Red Astrachan, and its use is mainly for the market, or the kitchen, and only secondarily for the table.

EARLY HARVEST :

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