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THE GRAVENSTEIN APPLE.



HERE are two or three fall apples which seem to compete for the first place for profit in Southern Ontario, viz. : the Blenheim Orange, the Ribston Pippin and the Gravenstein. The Blenheim Orange is hardier, and on this account preferable for Central Ontario; it is also a little better keeper, and therefore classed by some as an early winter apple. The apple growers around Peterboro' consider the Blenheim one of their best for the British market. The Gravenstein is not quite hardy enough to be grown in that district. Mr.

Beall, of Lindsay, writes concerning it: "I know of only two trees of the Gravenstein in this vicinity. They are about ten years old and commenced bearing about three years ago; they were very healthy trees up to that time. The crop produced was small. They are now dying out at the top and will probably last but a very few years. The fruit produced last year was very large and beautifully colored. From my present knowledge of the tree, I would not recommend it for planting here, except for experimental purposes." Mr. Nicol, of Catarqui, writes: "As concerning the Gravenstein apple, it has never succeeded here. I know of many trees having been planted, yet I do not at present know of one bearing tree in this district. I think it is not hardier than the Rhode Island Greening."