

fertilizing vineyards, fruit and garden plantations, and making orchards, vineyards and gardens prolific, in disseminating horticultural knowledge by means of lectures and otherwise, and in printing for free distribution the results of such investigations or experiments. The whole of this work is placed in charge of Cornell University.

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THE RUSSIAN BALDWIN.—We have received from Dr. Hoskins, Newport, Vt., the samples of a fine winter apple, believed by him to be a Russian, but not yet introduced among American nurserymen. At this date, May 17th, one of these samples is still in good condition, and that under unfavorable storage. The size is above medium, the color yellowish ground almost covered with dark red, sometimes in stripes and splashes; quality very good, better than the Baldwin.

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THE FIRST REPORT of the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations has been bound in with ours, as well as that of the Entomological Society. A bound volume, containing these two reports, is now being mailed, by the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, to all paid-up members of our Association, a book which we believe will give much satisfaction. Our readers will be surprised to find how much progress has been made during the very first season of our operations.

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MR. J. R. ANDERSON, of the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, British Columbia, has issued a bulletin in which he reports a meeting of the North-West Fruit Growers' Association. In the report of the Committee on Transportation we find the following resolution concerning fruit packages :—"Third, That estimated weights of standard size fruit packages shall be estimated as follows :—Apples, 50 pounds; pears, 40 pounds; peaches, plums, prunes and grapes, 18 pounds; cherries, 10 pounds; or such actual weight as may be hereafter determined."

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WINTER APPLES appear to be a failure again, just when we wanted to try some special shipments to Great Britain. No Spys, no Baldwins, no Russetts; all our standard sorts barren again! Is it the same in all parts? There is just one variety of winter apple at Maplehurst which is bearing a heavy crop this year, and that is the Cranberry Pippin. This is just a superb variety for the south shore of Lake Ontario, for there it grows to perfection. It is like the Gravenstein among Fall sorts, an attractive apple for all purposes.

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THE CHANGING of the bearing year of our apples and pears by gathering the young fruit has often been advocated, but it would appear that the theory is a mistaken one. It would seem that it is the bloom that exhausts the tree rather than the maturing of the fruit. That this is the case, instances in proof were very numerous during 1894. For example, in our King orchard a large