

planted in where I threw all my Lombards out and I value it very highly. The Burbank is my second favorite, though in some respects it is a better plum than the Abundance. Like the Abundance tree the Burbank must be cut back very severely in order to get a good, shapely tree. This is especially important with the Burbank as the yearly growth is very great and the tree is of a sprawling nature. It should be cut back to one foot every year if a good solid top is to be secured. It will take more years to get a good tree, but it will last all the more years and bear its fruit better after it has been secured. On a properly pruned tree the Burbank is a beautiful plum.

A. E. SHERRINGTON, Walkerton:—In my opinion the Red June is going to be one of the most valuable plums for either home use or market, chiefly owing to its earliness. It is a good keeper, and consequently an excellent shipper.

M. PETTIT, Winona:—I have fruited the Red June plum four years. The trees grow well, and bear regular crops from the third year of planting. In quality it is not quite as good as Lombard, which it resembles somewhat in appearance though a little smaller in size. It ripens about the first of August, and being the first plum to ripen it is valuable for market, bringing about double the price of ordinary plums. As soon however as this plum is planted in large quantities, it is a question if it will bring any higher price than the other varieties.

It should be valuable for the family garden, because it extends the season for using fresh plums.

W. W. HILLBORN, Leamington:—I have been very favorably impressed with this variety. The tree is rather more spreading in habit than the Abundance, and seems to be quite productive. The fruit is roundish conical with a distinct point, and rather above medium size. The color is quite dark when fully ripe; the quality is good. It

ripens just before Abundance and on this account it promises to be valuable for market. I have not tested it long enough to know if it has any special weakness.

R. L. HUGGARD, Whitby:—I consider the Red June a profitable early plum. Its color will always attract buyers. The fruit is especially valuable for canning, as the flesh remains firm in cooking, and retains its flavor.

G. C. CASTON, Craighurst: In reply to your enquiry about the Red June plum, I think very highly of it. It began to bear the second year after planting, and, with the exception of this year, bore regularly. It comes early. I have only one that comes in ahead of it, (the Early Botan) and it bears a heavy crop. I always include the Red June when recommending a list of plums for this section. The quality is, I think, very good. It is large in size and quite handsome. I have no hesitation in recommending it for this section.

CHARLES YOUNG, Richard's Landing: My Red June plum tree bore a few fruits last year, and if I were planting out a plum orchard I would not hesitate to include the Red June. The trees here (St. Joseph's Island) have proved perfectly hardy. I measured some of last year's growth to-day (December 23rd) and it was five feet in length. The trees promise fruit next year.

J. G. MITCHELL, Clarksburg:—I can unhesitatingly endorse the Red June as one of the most desirable of the Japan plums; not so much for its quality, which is only fair as compared with the best Europeans, but for the season in which it ripens. It is the earliest good plum we have. The tree is a strong grower, forming a beautiful symmetrical top and begins to bear the third or fourth year. The fruit is medium to large; color a bright vermillion red, not ripening all at once, but covering about two weeks; season, with us, last of July to middle of August; hardy.